

INSIDE TODAY

al-Qaida names new # 1

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WASHINGTON – U.S. counterterrorism officials all but welcomed the announcement Thursday that Ayman



In this 1998 photo, Ayman al-Zawahri poses for a photograph in Khost, Afghanistan. Al-Qaida has selected its longtime No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, to succeed Osama bin Laden, according to a statement posted Thursday, June 16, 2011 on a website affiliated with the network.

(AP Photo/Mazhar Ali Khan)

al-Zawahri would succeed Osama bin Laden as leader of al-Qaida, arguing that his deep flaws are likely to weaken the core of the terrorist network.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said bin Laden "had a peculiar charisma that I think Zawahri does not have." He also said there was evidence that bin Laden had been more "operationally engaged" than Zawahri, and that Zawahri's Egyptian roots and focus limited his appeal to militants from other countries. As for it taking almost seven weeks for al-Qaida to name a leader after a Navy SEAL team killed bin Laden in his Pakistan hideout, Gates added: "It's probably tough to count votes when you're in a cave." □

Resigned



Amid chaotic scene, Weiner resigns in wake of scandal

Anthony Weiner speaks to the media during a news conference in New York, Thursday, June 16, 2011. Weiner resigned from Congress, saying he cannot continue in office amid the intense controversy surrounding sexually explicit messages he sent online to several women.

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Amid chaotic scene, Weiner resigns in wake of scandal

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NEW YORK — Rep. Anthony D. Weiner, a once-promising politician whose Brooklyn roots and scrappy style made him a leading candidate to be the next mayor of New York, resigned his seat Thursday, ending a three-week scandal over his lewd online behavior that startled his constituents and alienated many of his colleagues. Weiner made the decision after long and emotional discussions with his political advisers and his wife, Huma Abedin, whom friends described as devastated by the behavior of her husband of 11 months and worried about the couple's financial future. In a chaotic four-minute news conference at a senior center in his district, Weiner, 46, strained to be heard as a small group of hecklers hollered vulgar questions at him and called him a "pervert" while puzzled elderly residents looked on. "I am here today to again apologize for the personal mistakes I have made and the embarrassment I have caused," Weiner said. A seven-term Democrat, Weiner had hoped his declaration last Sunday that he would seek mental-health treatment and take a temporary leave from Congress would ease the pressure from Democratic leaders for him to step down. But their demands only grew louder as revelations about his conduct continued. "I am announcing my resignation from Congress, so my colleagues can get back to work, my neighbors can choose a new representative and most important so that my wife and I can continue to heal from the damage I have caused," Weiner said at the news conference. Abedin was with Weiner at his Queens apartment as he prepared to make his statement, but did not appear at his side at the event. The announcement brought swift relief to his Democratic colleagues, who had become increasingly uneasy as details emerged about Weiner's on-line contacts with women — including his sending of explicit photos of himself to them over Facebook and Twitter. Democratic leaders had prepared to hold a

meeting on Thursday to determine whether they should strip Weiner of his committee assignments, which would severely impair his effectiveness. Weiner reached his decision late Wednesday and

seemed at peace with it, after days of appearing frazzled and torn, said several people who spoke to him. He began telling his most trusted advisers Wednesday night, informing them that it no longer

seemed fair to his constituents and his colleagues for him to remain in office. At about 8:45 p.m., he called Rep. Steve Israel of New York, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, who was attending the White House picnic on the South Lawn, alongside hundreds of lawmakers enjoying hamburgers and patriotic music from the U.S. Navy Band. Israel, after hearing the news from Weiner, sought out Nancy Pelosi, the House Democratic leader, in the crowd and handed his cell phone to her so Weiner could tell her his plans himself. Pelosi had taken an aggressive posture with regard to Weiner, including the rare step on Sunday of calling for him to leave the House and get mental-health help. On Thursday morning, she released a statement saying Weiner had "made the right judgment in resigning." Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo must now call a special election to fill the vacancy created by Weiner's departure. But the 9th District, which covers Queens neighborhoods like Forest Hills and Howard Beach as well as Brooklyn sections like Midwood and Mill Basin, is a likely target for elimination as state lawmakers redraw district lines for the 2012 elections. □



Anthony Weiner returns home after he announced his resignation from Congress Thursday, June 16, 2011 in the queens borough of New York. Weiner resigned from Congress, saying he cannot continue in office amid the intense controversy surrounding sexually explicit messages he sent online to several women. (AP Photo/Frank Franklin II)

Weiner's successor a potential lame duck

DAVID W. CHEN

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NEW YORK — So, who wants to be a lame-duck freshman? That was the reaction from political insiders Thursday when asked what would become of Rep. Anthony D. Weiner's congressional district, which covers Brooklyn and Queens. After all, with New York state set to lose two House seats because of the 2010 census, many believe that Weiner's territory, the 9th Congressional District, will be carved up to benefit Democratic incumbents in adjoining districts. If so, then whoever wins a special election this fall would quite likely get to call himself or herself a member of Congress for a little more than a year. And no more than that, because the expectation is

that the winner — assuming it is a Democrat, since the district is strongly Democratic — would probably not challenge the neighboring incumbents. "There is very little precedent

that I can think of that someone is agreeing to be both a placeholder and not to seek that office if they get districted out," said Scott Levenson, a Democratic consultant. □



Capitol Hill interns get their pictures taken in front of the office of Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y. on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, June 16, 2011.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

Romney joke not too funny

TAMPA, Fla. — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney told a group of out-of-work Floridians Thursday that "I'm also unemployed," quickly drawing criticism from Democrats who said it showed the former Massachusetts governor and multimillionaire was out of touch. Romney made the comment while criticizing President Barack Obama's economic plan to a small group of business owners and unemployed workers at a Tampa coffee shop. The former equity firm CEO told the group that he did have his eye on one particular job, however. Florida Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the chair of the Democratic National Committee, issued a statement saying Romney's comments were "inappropriate and insensitive to the millions of Americans looking for work."

"This comment shows that Mitt Romney — a man who wants for nothing and whose only occupation for more than four years has been to run for president — is incredibly out of touch with what's going on in our country and around the dinner tables of those who are out of work," she said. "Being unemployed, Mr. Romney, is not a joke." Romney spokesman Eric Fehrnstrom called the Democratic criticism an "absurd distortion" of statement that what was clearly made in jest. "The person who doesn't take the employment crisis seriously is President Obama, who has discontinued his daily economic briefing," Fehrnstrom said. "If elected, Mitt Romney will reinstate the daily economic briefing and make job creation his number one priority." At an appearance in Georgia later in the day, Romney attacked the Obama administration's record on unemployment and said he was poking fun at himself. □

Court papers show Strauss-Kahn's statements after arrest

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NEW YORK – About 15 minutes after police detectives from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey pulled Dominique Strauss-Kahn off a Paris-bound flight, he told them he had diplomatic immunity, according to court papers made public on Thursday. After he was handcuffed, Strauss-Kahn – then the managing director of the International Monetary Fund – asked to speak to someone from the French consulate and requested that his handcuffs be secured in the front rather than behind his back. When it became clear that he would miss his flight, he asked to make a call so he could let people know he would not be at a meeting the next day. These exchanges were part of a series of 17 brief

statements prosecutors say Strauss-Kahn made to the police on May 14, in the hours after they allege he attacked a housekeeper who came to clean his hotel suite in Midtown Manhattan. The statements were



Mexican central bank governor Agustin Carstens, left, one of the leading candidates to replace Dominique Strauss-Kahn as head of the International Monetary Fund, followed by Mexico's ambassador to China Jorge Eugenio Guajardo, arrives for a press conference at the Mexican Embassy in Beijing Thursday, June 16, 2011. Carstens was to hold high-level meetings with Chinese officials Thursday to seek support for his underdog bid to become the first representative from an emerging market to lead the IMF.

(AP Photo/Ng Han Guan)

detailed in court papers filed by the Manhattan district attorney's office: a notification known as a voluntary disclosure form, which prosecutors are required to provide to defense lawyers within 15 days of a defendant's arraignment. The papers were dated Tuesday, but it was unclear when they were provided to Strauss-Kahn's lawyers, William W. Taylor III and Benjamin Brafman. His exchanges with the police range from the mundane – their offers and his requests for food and water and to use a bathroom – to his complaints that his handcuffs were too tight and his eventual statement that he would not assert diplomatic immunity. He also repeated concerns about a meeting

scheduled for the next day, likely a planned session with the German chancellor, Angela Merkel. Five minutes after detectives escorted Strauss-Kahn off the Air France flight, he asked a police supervisor who met him on the jetway, "What is this about?" When he was told that New York police detectives needed to talk to him about an "an incident in the city at a hotel," he did not respond. It was not until nearly five hours after he was pulled off the flight, and after he had been driven from the airport to the offices of the Police Department's Manhattan Special Victims Squad, that Strauss-Kahn first asked to speak to a lawyer. □

Defense focuses on DNA in Anthony trial

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. – The defense concentrated on the reliability of the prosecution's forensic evidence Thursday when it called its first witnesses in the murder trial of Casey Anthony, the Florida woman accused of killing her 2-year-old daughter. An FBI technician testified that the duct tape found attached to the decomposed skull of toddler Caylee Anthony was contaminated during testing by another technician. Heather Seubert, who examined the tape at an FBI lab, told jurors that DNA on the tape did not match the victim, her mother Casey or her grandparents. Instead, it matched another forensic examiner who analyzed the duct tape. The child's skeletal remains were found in a wooded area near the family's home in December 2008. FBI lab technician Lorie Gottesman later testified that it was her DNA found on the duct tape. Gottesman, who is a forensic document examiner, said she wore gloves during her examination. "I have no idea how it happened or when," she told

jurors.

Casey Anthony's defense team began presenting its case on the third anniversary of the last time Caylee Anthony was seen alive.

The 25-year-old mother is



Casey Anthony leaves the courtroom during a recess in her murder trial at the Orange County Courthouse, in Orlando, Fla. Anthony, 25, is charged with killing her 2-year old daughter in 2008.

(AP Photo/Red Huber,Pool)

charged with first-degree murder Caylee's summer 2008 death and has pleaded not guilty. The state contends the child was suffocated by three pieces of duct tape being applied to her face. The defense said in its opening state-

ment that she drowned in her grandparents' above-ground swimming pool. If convicted, Anthony faces a death sentence.

Defense attorney Jose Baez also got Gottesman to detail for jurors her inability to locate any traces of the outline of a heart-shaped sticker on the exterior of the duct tape, despite subjecting it to advanced video enhancement.

A FBI physical scientist testified during the prosecution's case that she noticed the outline of a heart on one of the three pieces while examining it under ultra-violet lighting. There were no pictures taken of what she saw, though. After subjecting the tape to chemicals during fingerprint testing, it was no longer present.

Later, Seubert noted several items of evidence submitted by the prosecution that she tested for the presence of unknown DNA, blood and semen. Those items included pieces of a spare tire cover from the trunk of Casey Anthony's car, a shovel she borrowed from her parents' neighbor, several items of clothing from Casey's bedroom and a shovel found with her daughter's remains. □

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Crucial part of new air traffic system in trouble

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An in-

formation-sharing program essential to government plans for a new national



In this photo, Boeing Co. 737 airplanes are shown at the company's assembly facility in Renton, Wash. An information-sharing program essential to government plans for a new national air traffic control system is about \$105 million over budget and has been delayed two years, a government watchdog said Thursday.

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The first phase of the Federal Aviation Administration program known as System-Wide Information Management, or SWIM, was supposed to be completed by 2013, but has now been pushed back to 2015, said a report by the Transportation Department's Office of Inspector General.

The FAA is in the midst of switching from an air traffic system based on World War II-era radar technology to one that uses GPS. □

4 ex-US ambassadors to Iraq push for embassy funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four former U.S. ambassadors to Iraq urged top congressional leaders to back President Barack Obama's budget request of \$5.2 billion for the embassy in Baghdad, the largest in the world, as well as the cost of police training and some 5,000 security forces.

Pushing back against efforts in Congress to refuse the request, former U.S. ambassadors John Negroponte, Zalmay Khalilzad, Ryan Crocker and Christopher Hill wrote to House and Senate leaders last month that failing to fund the operation fully would jeopardize years of U.S. investments in Iraq.

"We, four former ambassadors to Iraq, believe that a robust embassy, provid-

ing a platform for other branches of the government, including the Office for Security Cooperation and the U.S. Agency for International Development, are essential to help guide Iraq to a sustainable and peaceful future," they wrote. The money would cover operating costs for the embassy, a fortress-like compound the size of Vatican City; training for police as they shift to criminal and investigative work; and the expenses of a security force. The money also would cover satellite offices of the embassy around Iraq. Eight years after the American invasion to remove President Saddam Hussein, the United States plans to withdraw its remaining 47,000 troops. □



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The wheels of justice tend to be slow, but arrests can happen with lightning speed — and what happens next can be crucial. In searches, seizure and interrogation, things can go badly wrong.

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But getting that lawyer is no easy thing, said Chris Miles, who co-founded a company, LawyerUp, to get lawyers on the case within 15 minutes.

"If I want a pizza, I can get a pizza in 15 minutes," he says. "I can get a plumber in the middle of the night. Why can't I get a lawyer?" He co-founded the company in February and

started full operations this month in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, having built a roster of criminal lawyers who do not mind getting late-night calls.

The service's personal plan, aimed at young people, costs \$4.95 a month. Those who do not have a subscription can pay a flat fee of \$100 for the first call, which the company calls its "pay-in-a-pinch plan." For all clients, an operator checks contact information and processes the lawyer's initial fee of \$250 on a credit card for the first hour of service.

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Poll: Republicans Perry, Paul stuck in the middle



Republican Presidential hopeful, Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas bites into a lobster roll during a campaign stop at Geon's, in Portsmouth, N.H. Texas Gov. Rick Perry placed fourth in the new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll with the support of eight percent of likely Republican primary voters, while Houston-area Rep. Ron Paul ranked fifth with seven percent. (AP Photo/Jim Cole)

JEANNA SMIALEK

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WASHINGTON — The two Texans with 2012 presidential aspirations remain stuck in the middle of the pack of GOP White House wannabes — even in their home state — two new polls find. Texas Gov. Rick Perry placed fourth in the new NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll with the support of eight percent of likely Republican primary voters, while Houston-area Rep. Ron Paul ranked fifth with seven percent. Frontrunner Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor and Winter Olympics CEO, received 30 percent support from poll respondents, followed distantly by former Alaska

Gov. Sarah Palin, at 14 percent, and ex-Godfather's Pizza CEO Herman Cain, 12 percent. Meanwhile, a newly released Texas Lyceum statewide poll conducted in late May placed Perry slightly behind Paul, a libertarian Republican. Paul (at 10 percent) and Perry (9 percent) trailed Romney, who garnered 16 percent backing, and Palin, 12 percent. The NBC/Journal survey is the first national poll released since Perry began to travel and give speeches to national audiences; he headlined a New York Republican Party dinner Tuesday after speaking to an anti-abortion event in Los Angeles on Sunday. Earlier surveys by other news outlets showed Perry trail-

ing Paul among second-tier contenders. A June 3-6 Reuters poll showed Paul garnering 8 percent support compared to Perry's 5 percent. Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas professor who specializes in presidential politics, said Perry's recent press attention could explain his improvement from earlier polls. "It would make sense just because he's getting so much publicity right now by flirting with the candidacy," Buchanan said. Despite press

attention, Perry remains far behind Romney for several reasons, Buchanan said. Romney is a declared candidate who has been campaigning for the past three years, he is a known figure in national politics and some polls show him competitive against Obama, he explained. Though Perry lags in newly released polls, Daron Shaw, a University of Texas government professor who conducted the Texas Lyceum Poll, said that could easily change. "Paul

is actually somewhat of a constant, but the variable here is Perry," he said. Shaw that while Paul's libertarian voter base is unlikely to grow significantly, Perry can appeal to voters who seek an establishment figure or a candidate with Tea Party credentials. Paul said Thursday in a Fox News interview that Perry's appeal will dilute the "establishment" vote and open the race for candidates who do not represent the "status quo." □

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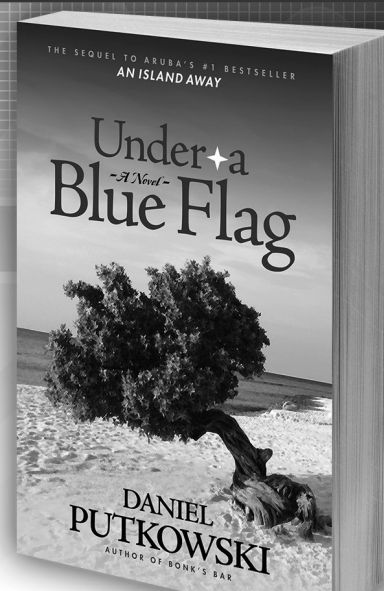


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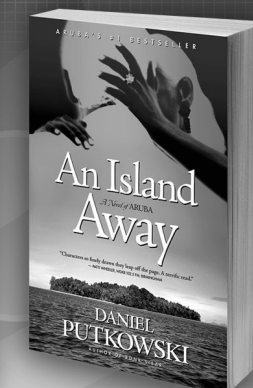
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In Alabama, little consensus on Republican candidates



Members of the Republican Women of Madison recite the Pledge of Allegiance before a meeting and luncheon at the Port of Madison Holiday Inn in Madison, Ala., June 15, 2011. In Madison County, home to about 330,000 people with three women Republican clubs, some conservatives can't agree on a candidate to run for the next presidential election.

(Rob Culpepper/The New York Times)

KIM SEVERSON

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MADISON, Ala. — After the chicken salad sandwiches were handed out and everyone had their fill of ABO jokes (Anybody but Obama), the Republican Women of Madison got down to business.

"It's absolutely the most important election we've ever faced, from top to bottom," said Janet Donoghue, 74, a nurse and health educator who identifies herself as a conservative Republican. Every third Wednesday, Donoghue joins a few dozen other women for the group's monthly meeting. Newly minted Tea Party

members sit next to veterans of regional and national political conventions. And they agree on the issues one might imagine. The state's teachers union must be stopped. So should same-sex marriage. Government needs to be more transparent.

They cheer the fact that for the first time since Reconstruction, Republicans last fall took control of the Alabama legislature in a state where every major office, save one member of Congress, is now Republican. But when it comes to who should next run the country, there was no consensus among the women in the

Holiday Inn banquet room. For Denise Book, 53, a self-identified right-wing conservative, Herman Cain is the best man for the job.

"He's upfront, he's honest and he's clean," she said. By which, Book explained, he has no skeletons in his closet — as opposed to, say, Newt Gingrich.

"I'm sorry," she said, "but a lot of women aren't going to vote for him because he's cheated on spouse after spouse after spouse."

Mitt Romney had some support, but it was not overwhelming. He's a good businessman, sure. And he has experience. But some did not like his position that people might have something to do with climate change. Others were not happy with what they said was a failed health-care plan in Massachusetts.

And everyone seemed to think he had a certain pre-programmed stiffness to him and the whiff of ordination from top Republican leaders.

"John McCain was the consensus, kind of like Bob Dole," said Liz Cureo, 58. "And look where that got us."

Cureo is known as something of a super-volunteer around Madison. She likes Michele Bachmann, a member of Congress from

Minnesota with deep Tea Party support.

"She's got more experience than Obama has," she said. "Has Obama had 23 foster children?" Others imagined a Romney-Bachmann ticket and wanted to know more about Tim Pawlenty. Is he conservative enough? Does he have enough international experience? They ticked through other names. Former Senator Rick Santorum? Like him, but perhaps not broad enough in his appeal. Ron Paul? Shouldn't even be running. On the other hand, Rick Perry, the governor of Texas, absolutely should.

And what of Sarah Palin? Few seemed to think she would really run, but some-

one suggested she would be the perfect secretary of the interior.

The Republican Women of Madison did agree, however, on the core issues: the economy and the deficit. Madison County, home to about 330,000 people near the Tennessee border, has three women Republican clubs. (There was a turf war. They don't like to talk much about it.)

It's a place where rural cotton farms share a road with the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, home of the most advanced genomics-based research in the world.

So the analysis here was smart and blunt. The next president needs to offer



Susan Newman, a member of the Republican Women of Madison club, hands out paperwork before a club meeting, in Madison, Ala., June 15, 2011.

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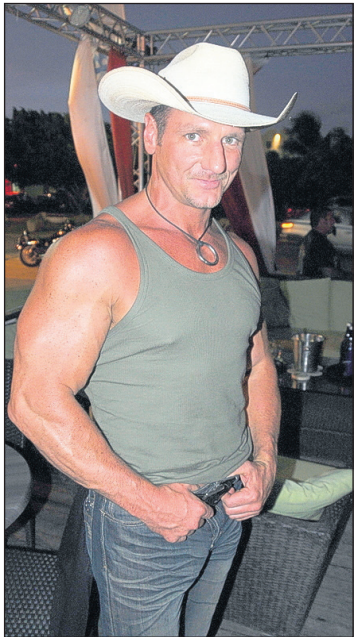


the nation some tough love about government spending before it is too late. That, in turn, will create a robust economy. "You can't say it is just the wars or just the economy or just the debt," said Alicia Liburdi, 53, who offers "give me Liburdi or give me death" as a pronunciation guide. □



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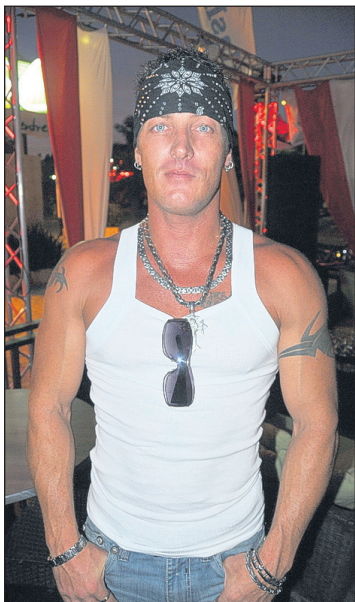
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"We were building momentum at MIR [the Mountain Motor Nationals], so we hope to keep that going for our test session and race this weekend," Eman relayed.

"I'll just make sure we turn on the green lights this time instead of red! Everybody on the team, my father Ven, Bobby, Tommy and John have all been working hard at every race and are just as excited about making it to the winners circle soon as I am. The competition is tough, but I know our team is every bit as capable of making it to the winner's circle as any team out there.

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ORANJESTAD - Recently Aruba Airport Authority N.V. hosted the annual Meeting of Vital Companies of Aruba, which was organized by the National Security Service of Aruba (VDA).

This is the second year the VDA brought the Security Directors of all vital companies and vital parts of the government together to discuss the developments with regard to security within their respective organizations and the security threats and risks each entity faces.

This year's meeting also focused on the security risks of IT for any company or organization and the possible measures that can be implemented to minimize such risks.

The National Security Service of Aruba and Aruba Airport Authority N.V. joined forces to realize this important meeting to further enhance the expertise of the professionals involved and to contribute to the security and safety of these vital organizations to the benefit of the national security of Aruba. □



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On the occasion of the Anne Frank statue unveiling

Fundacion Respeta Bida...Semper Corda receives praise



foundation president Diana Gonzalez-Pieters, whose heartfelt and intelligent address was enthusiastically received by the audience as she spoke with great conviction and sincerity reiterating the foundation's credo.

The audience was also appreciative and moved by the words of a young Aruban poet, surprisingly mature and insightful for her age, Angelle Stamper, whose beautiful words expressed hope for the future, in a better world, where freedom, human rights, liberty and equality are respected and protected. RESPECT LIFE...always remember was founded to safeguard the rights of every member of society in Aruba, promoting tolerance, solidarity, freedom and equality of every citizen, and fighting specifically against practices of racism, anti-Semitism and

xenophobia, which may rear their heads at any time. Other foundation board members include Jose Fernandes Perna, vice-president; Martha Goldenberg-Lichtenstein, secretary, and Shereen de Cuba as treasurer, who also willingly donated their talents to the success of the event while volunteer emcee Lisa de Lannoy, charmingly navigated the line-up of speakers and ceremonial acts. The statue of Anne Frank who kept a diary while in hiding during the 2nd world war, and perished in a concentration camp just before the end of the war may be visited in the Wilhelmina park, she is depicted with her hands are bound but her gaze if eternally optimistic, gazing up into the sky with hope and optimism for a better future. The statue is the work of Dutch artist Joep Coppens, and is cast in bronze. □

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Oranjestad – This past Sunday, a ceremony filled with rich and interesting content marked the formal unveiling of the Anne Frank statue in the Wilhelmina Park in Oranjestad.

The ceremony attended by many dignitaries and government officials impressed and enchanted invitees with brilliant speeches, eloquent readings and many well-thought out symbolic gestures, carrying the message of Tolerance and Solidarity forward.

Board members received praise from Aruba's first lady, Mrs. Doina Eman who is the foundation's patron and godmother, for executing a flawless program, and delivering a world-class ceremony attended by international leaders such as Martin Luther King III, Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp, the former director of the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam Hans Westra, and Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman.

Members of the board of directors of the foundation worked tirelessly to put the program together, especially Gwennan Boekhoudt in charge of International Relations and Special Affairs who showed great creativity and dedication in orchestrating the unveiling.

Also worthy of distinction,



Israel warns it will forcibly stop new flotillas

ETHAN BRONNER

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TEL AVIV, Israel — Israel made clear on Thursday that if a new flotilla of pro-Palestinian activists sought to break its naval blockade of Gaza like the one a year ago when its commandos killed nine people, the Israeli military would use force again, including boarding the ships and confronting the activists.

"We will do anything we have to do to prevent a boat from breaking the blockade," a top naval official said in a briefing for foreign journalists. "If there is the same violence against our forces on board, there is a pretty good chance there will be injuries." The official spoke on the condition of anonymity under Israeli military rules.

On Israel Radio on Thursday, the military's chief spokesman, Brig. Gen. Yoav Mordechai, said the army would stop any ship from entering Gaza. Mordechai added, "There is an unequivocal directive from the government to enforce the naval blockade that is recognized by international law, and we will not allow it to be broken."

The statements seemed part of a heightened effort to stop another flotilla and to pre-emptively explain Israel's position if violence ensues.

Groups of Palestinian advocates in chartered ves-



Israeli rescue officers work in a damaged building, early Friday, June 17, 2011 in Netanya, Israel. Police say a large explosion has rocked the coastal Israeli city of Netanya, killing at least four and wounding more than 50.

(AP Photo/Ariel Schalit)

sels are scheduled to depart from a number of European ports this month and assemble into a flotilla heading toward Gaza to challenge Israel's blockade and commemorate the deaths of a year ago. Among those expected to participate is a U.S. vessel with several dozen passengers, including the writer Alice Walker and an 86-year-old whose parents died in the Holocaust.

Because of insurance difficulties and political pressure, it remained unclear whether the ship on which last year's deaths occurred, the Mavi Marmara of Turkey, would join the flotilla as planned. Israel, widely condemned for the commando operation, said that a year ago the ship was dominated by extremists

who created the confrontations that resulted in the deaths.

A number of world lead-

ers, including Ban Ki-moon, the U.N. secretary-general; Catherine Ashton, the European Union's foreign policy chief; and Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu of Turkey, have urged the flotilla organizers to drop their plans or wait and see how Gaza fares under changes in Egyptian and Israeli policies.

Four years ago, after Hamas took over in Gaza, Israel and Egypt closed off the territory, preventing most goods and nearly all people from going in and out. Israel began a naval blockade two and a half years ago when it invaded Gaza to stop Palestinian militants from firing rockets into Israel.

But after the commando

raid a year ago, international outrage over the deaths, along with the hardships in Gaza, contributed to a shift in Israeli policy. Israel eased its blockade, letting in more goods over land. After the revolution in Egypt this year, Egypt changed its policy toward Gaza, partly re-opening its border to people. Today Gaza has plenty of goods available, but its economy remains devastated and unemployment is 40 percent to 45 percent. Moreover, Israel continues the naval blockade. The government says its goal is to prevent Hamas from importing weapons by sea. In March, Israel stopped a vessel packed with weapons that it says were Gaza-bound. □

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As bombs target Tripoli

Diplomatic efforts heat up

ADAM SCHRECK
Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Renewed diplomatic efforts to halt Libya's civil war appeared to be gaining momentum Thursday as thunderous NATO airstrikes once again hammered Moammar Gadhafi's stronghold



could offer a way out. A vote could be organized within three months, he said. The son, Seif al-Islam, told Corriere della Sera that Gadhafi would step aside if he lost, which the son said was unlikely. He acknowledged, however, that "my

(Moises Saman/The New York Times)

of Tripoli. Officials in the capital say they are open to international efforts that would bring an end to four months of fighting between forces loyal to the longtime leader and rebels who control the eastern third of the country along with pockets in the west.

But they insist that Gadhafi will not bow to international pressure to push him aside.

"We don't accept anything that may be done against him. He is a red line in our discussions," Prime Minister al-Baghdadi al-Mahmoudi said. Any deal that would partition the country is unacceptable, he added.

Al-Mahmoudi told reporters that the Libyan government has held a number of "preliminary meetings" with officials based in the eastern rebel-held city of Benghazi. He said the talks took place abroad, including in Egypt, Tunisia and Norway, but he did not provide specifics.

One of Gadhafi's sons told an Italian newspaper that while his father would not seek exile, elections under international supervision

could offer a way out. A vote could be organized within three months, he said.

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men during the conflict. Like Gadhafi himself, he has been heard from rarely in recent weeks.

Russia's envoy to Libya met with senior government leaders in Tripoli — but apparently not Gadhafi himself — hours after NATO warplanes pounded the area near the leader's Bab al-Aziziya compound.

Russian envoy Mikhail Margelov met in Tripoli with al-Mahmoudi and Foreign Minister Abdul-Ati al-Obeidi. Last week, Margelov visited the Libyan rebel stronghold of Benghazi and said that Gadhafi has lost his legitimacy. However, the envoy also said NATO airstrikes are not a solution to Libya's violent stalemate.

Reporters taken to a bombing site around midday saw Margelov there in the company of government officials. The Interfax agency quoted Margelov as saying, after meeting the foreign minister, that he was told "Gadhafi is not prepared to leave, and the Libyan leadership will talk about the country's future only after a cease-fire." The foreign minister also said, according to Margelov, that the African Union should be "the main force" in reaching a resolution.

Spain ordered the expulsion of the Libyan ambassador in Madrid, saying Gadhafi's regime no longer has legitimacy. A Foreign Ministry statement Thursday said the government gave Ajeli Abdussalam Ali Breni 10 days to leave the country. □



On a tour led by an official of the Libyan government, a woman is seen standing near the debris from the destruction reportedly caused by NATO airstrikes in Tripoli, Libya on June 16, 2011.

(Moises Saman/The New York Times)



A girl showers her younger sister at a makeshift camp in Khirbet al-Jouz, along the Syrian-Turkish border, Syria, June 16, 2011. Thousands of Syrian civilians have fled to Turkey to escape the military crackdown and the government of Turkey is preparing to send food and water to those unable to escape.

(Daniel Etter/The New York Times)

Syrians flee another town, fearing new military attack

Sebnem Arsu
Liam Stack

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GUVECCI, Turkey — Hundreds fled a town in northern Syria on Wednesday that appeared to be the next target of a military seeking to crush a three-month uprising against President Bashar Assad, activists said, joining thousands already displaced in a growing crisis that has embarrassed the Syrian government.

In a succession of often bloody operations, the Syrian military has sent tanks and soldiers to the country's most restive areas. This week, forces were deployed to eastern Syria, a region that borders Iraq and is knit by extended clans, as well as the northern town, Ma'arrat an Nu'man, which is on the highway between Damascus, the capital, and Aleppo, Syria's second largest city.

Though the Syrian military said its forces had yet to enter the town, activists said hundreds of residents, and perhaps more, had already begun heading to other Syrian cities and the Turkish border. Insan, a Syrian human rights group, said that security forces detained 17 people on Wednesday as they left the town, a historic site in Syria.

"The regime will go to any Syrian city and village that witnesses demonstrations," said a 50-year-old farmer in Ma'arrat an Nu'man who gave his name as Jamal.

An activist there who gave his name as Samih added, "It is time to punish us."

Forces also entered Dayr az Zawr in the east and surrounded the border town of Abu Kamal, where clashes have erupted between demonstrators and government loyalists. Despite the military's presence, activists said a protest still took place in Dayr az Zawr, one of Syria's largest cities, over the deployment of the army in the city. In the past week, the crackdown — and fear of more violence at the hands of the government — has uprooted thousands of Syrians. Nearly 8,500 are in three camps across the border in Turkey, and thousands more are stranded on the Syrian side. Most of them were driven from Jisr al-Shughour, which the government retook Sunday.

Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu of Turkey toured the border on Wednesday, even stopping at the barbed wire to greet displaced people on the Syrian side. In the camps on the Turkish side, officials have sought to bar journalists from entering, though some people occasionally moved to the blue plastic sheets stretched along the compound to speak. "Damn your legislation, laws and the state you have established!" one woman shouted from the camp, denouncing the government of Assad. "Men's fingers are cut off, and the wounded are piled on top of each other." □

Europeans wince at Greece austerity plans

RACHEL DONADIO

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ATHENS – The instability rocking Greece this week is the latest manifestation of a troubling new phase in the global financial crisis: Political turmoil is sweeping through Europe, toppling governments and threatening to undermine efforts to rescue the financial system and, ultimately, the euro zone itself.

It seems likely that Prime Minister George Papandreou of Greece will manage to hold together his government long enough to push through the deep cuts required for his debt-ridden country to receive its next installment of international aid. He is expected to shuffle his cabinet on Friday.

But with a rising tide of voter anger against bank bailouts, budget cuts and austerity measures, his popularity is plummeting. And it is not just Papandreou who is feeling the public's wrath. Across Europe, people are complaining that they are unfairly paying the price for the mistakes of their governments while they are growing increasingly resentful of the international banks and the preferential treatment they seem to receive. And they are getting louder. "They took everything, and we have to pay," said Katerina Faturou, 30, an elementary school music teacher



Members of the Greek Communist Party (KKE), gather for a rally against the government's austerity measures in central Athens, Thursday, June 16, 2011. Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou vowed to stay on as prime minister, despite a party revolt that broke out Thursday against new austerity measures that have triggered violent street protests and widespread discontent.

(AP Photo/Lefteris Pitarakis)

in Athens, summing up a common sentiment here after a large and sometimes violent general strike. It is not likely to be the last in Europe this summer.

In a vicious cycle, the rising political turmoil is sowing unrest in global financial markets, raising the interest rates paid by heavily indebted nations in Europe to ever higher levels and threatening their solvency. European officials are also worried that if Greece's politicians bow to popular anger and reject the austerity route, others countries might follow, with po-

tentially dire consequences for Europe's banks and the common currency. So concerned were EU officials about the potential for trouble that the bloc's top financial official, Olli Rehn,

hinted in Brussels on Thursday that Greece might get the new financial aid even if European finance ministers failed to approve the loan at a meeting this weekend. In recent months, the gov-

ernments of Ireland and Portugal have been ousted over efforts to cut budgets and benefits. Students have rioted to protest tuition increases in Britain, and young people who feel shut out of their own futures have held nationwide sit-ins in Spain, where the governing Socialists are in trouble in the polls. Right-wing political parties are gaining strength, tapping, in part, the populist rejection of austerity plans.

This week, Papandreou became the latest politician pulled in opposite directions by the markets, which hang on his every word, and his country's citizens, who have already been stung by one round of wage and pension cuts and are resisting new spending reductions and tax increases. But he needs those measures to persuade the International Monetary Fund to release the next installment of a \$155 billion bailout package negotiated a year ago. □

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Mexico arrests 'El Brad Pitt', alleged drug boss

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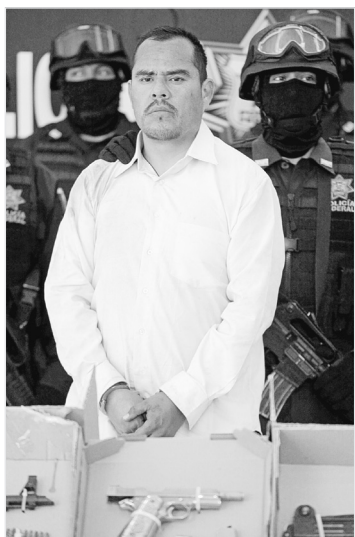
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Federal authorities detained a former police officer accused of leading the armed wing of the violent Juarez Cartel in northern Mexico, the government said Thursday.

Marco Antonio Guzman, who had several aliases including "El Brad Pitt," was captured Wednesday in the U.S. border state of Chihuahua along with two alleged accomplices, according to a federal police statement. Guzman, 34, was brought to the Mexican capital Thursday and shown, handcuffed, to the news media.

Police said Guzman was involved in the June 15, 2010 car bomb explosion that killed a federal police officer and two civilians.

They also accuse him of being involved in drug-traffick-



Federal police officers escort suspect Marco Antonio Guzman, aka "El Brad Pitt", an alleged member of the Mexican Juarez drug cartel, during a presentation to the press in Mexico City, Thursday, June 16, 2011. According to police, Guzman was arrested Wednesday during an operation in the northern state of Chihuahua.

(AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)

ing operations across Chihuahua. The state is one of the worst-affected areas of the drug war. It is the state of deadly Ciudad Juarez, where an estimated 3,100 people were killed in 2010 alone.

A federal official who was not authorized to speak on the record said Guzman's nickname "El Brad Pitt" comes from a disguise he wore when he served as a lookout for the Juarez cartel.

To go unnoticed, he tried to look like a tourist wearing his hair long, a baseball cap and a camera around his neck. According to the official, gang associates said Guzman looked like Pitt in a scene from the American film "Spy Game" about CIA agents, in which the actor wore a similar outfit.

The nickname apparently stuck. □

World Briefs

As ash shifts, NZ flights begin to resume

SYDNEY (AP) — Australian airlines that grounded flights to New Zealand because of a volcanic ash cloud over the past week began flying to the island nation again Friday. Not all flights were back on as Qantas, Jetstar and Virgin Australia struggled to get planes into position and monitor cities where ash was still hanging in the air. Ash spewing from a Chilean volcano has thrown air travel into disarray since Sunday, when airlines began canceling flights within Australia and New Zealand and between the countries. Tens of thousands of passengers were affected, and many grew particularly frustrated because of airlines' differing policies on flying when there is an ash cloud. nVirgin Australia and Air New Zealand chose to fly under or around the cloud when they could. As a result, Air New Zealand maintained service between Australia and New Zealand, though some domestic flights were grounded. □

JetBlue adds new routes from San Juan

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — JetBlue Airways says it has become the largest carrier in Puerto Rico, surpassing American Airlines. JetBlue said it has secured the top spot as it announced new flights to the U.S. Virgin Islands starting Dec. 15. The airline says it grew 38 percent in Puerto Rico over the past year and has an average of 35 per day from the island. Puerto Rican Gov. Luis Fortuno said at a news conference Thursday that JetBlue will be bringing an additional 100,000 passengers per year to the island. He said it injected about \$50 million into the local economy. American Airlines had been the main carrier but has shifted flights to Miami in recent years. The company did not comment on JetBlue's announcement. □

Aussies condemn Malaysian refugee deal

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Prime Minister Julia Gillard said her government will forge ahead with a proposed refugee swap deal with Malaysia despite the Australian parliament condemning the policy in a rare show of defiance Thursday. Australia wants to send 800 asylum seekers to Malaysia in return for Australia resettling 4,000 registered refugees from among the 93,000 languishing in that Southeast Asian nation, which has not signed the U.N. Convention on Refugees and has been criticized for their harsh treatment. The aim is to deter asylum seekers from coming to Australia by boat. A motion condemning the policy was passed by the House of Representatives with the support of two key lawmakers whose support Gillard's Labor Party relies on to stay in power. The Senate passed the same motion in May. □

New president reaches out to emigrants

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's new president is reaching out to the 2 million Haitians emigrants whose earnings abroad have long helped keep the struggling country afloat even while they have been shut out of local politics.

Recently inaugurated Michel Martelly, who lived abroad himself, has vowed to overturn Haiti's long-standing ban on dual citizenship and to build a better relationship with an overseas community that contributes 25 percent of Haiti's gross domestic product with remittances sent to relatives back home. The Haitian diaspora, mostly in the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean, has been shut out of the political scene. Residency requirements ban those abroad from owning land or running for office, a clause that kept Grammy Award-winning singer Wyclef Jean from fulfilling his dream of running for president of Haiti. □



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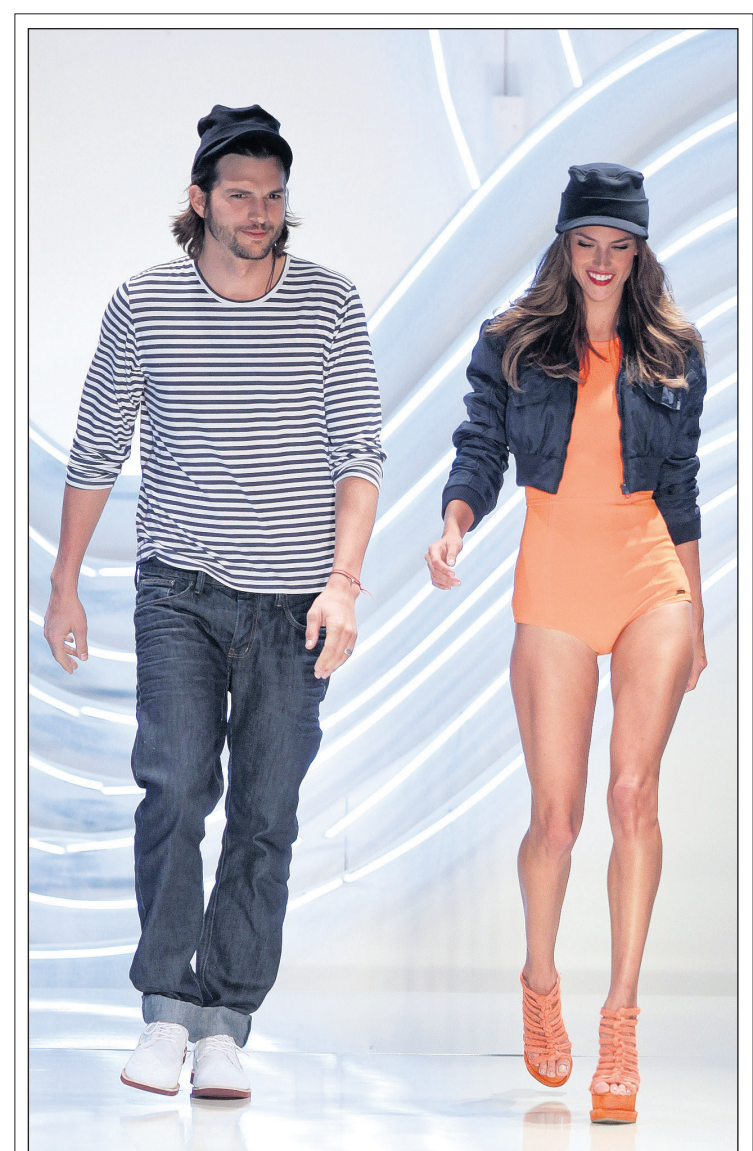
A model wears a creation by Agua de Coco at the Sao Paulo Fashion Week Summer 2012 collection in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Thursday June 16, 2011.

(AP Photo/Andre Penner)

SAO PAULO - Brazilians set the fashion world ablaze this week, as the 31st edition of the biannual Sao Paulo Fashion Week just kicked off this Monday. And even though celebrities such as Hollywood leading man Ashton Kutcher and super-models Alessandra Ambrosio and Candice Swanepoel have already strutted their stuff on Latin America's most famous runway, there's one young man in particular who seems to be outshining everybody else: 20-year-old designer Pedro Lourenço.

Lourenço is not yet a household name, but he's already well known among designers after he launched into the exclusive world of high fashion last year. How? Lourenço presented a standout, impeccable collection during Paris Fashion Week (video) for an audience that included big names of the industry like The Daily Telegraph's fashion director Hilary Alexander and Carine Roitfeld, the salacious former editor of French Vogue. Anna Wintour, the editor of American Vogue, wasn't there, but she agreed to meet Lourenço before a private fashion show held at Paris' Westin Hotel. Wintour was said to be "very impressed" with his creations.

Born to a family of well-to-do fashionistas (his parents,



Actor Ashton Kutcher, left, and Brazilian top model Alessandra Ambrosio wear creations from the Colcci Summer 2012 collection at Sao Paulo Fashion Week in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

(AP Photo/Andre Penner)

Reinaldo Lourenço and Gloria Coelho, are two of Brazil's leading designers), Lourenço took to sewing when he was still a toddler, already designing professionally at the age of 12

and was soon staging fashion shows in his parents' Sao Paulo home. During his teenage years, he intermittently handled his mother's diffusion line, Carlota Joakina. □



Brazilian top model Caroline Trentini wears a creation by Agua de Coco at the Sao Paulo Fashion Week Summer 2012 collection in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Thursday June 16, 2011.

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Brazilian top model Alessandra Ambrosio wears a creation from the Colcci Summer 2012 collection at Sao Paulo Fashion Week in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

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As we search for paths out of America's economic crisis, many suggest business as a paradigm for cutting costs. According to my back-of-the-envelope math, top CEOs earn as much as \$1 a second around the clock, partly by cutting medical benefits for employees. So they must be paragons of efficiency, right? Actually, I'm not so sure. The business sector is dazzlingly productive, but it also periodically blows up

Back-of-the-envelope math: our lefty military

our financial system. Yet if we seek another model, one that emphasizes universal health care and educational opportunity, one that seeks to curb income inequality, we don't have to turn to Sweden. Rather, look to the U.S. military.

You see, when our armed forces are not firing missiles, they live by an astonishingly liberal ethos – and it works. The military helped lead the way in racial desegregation, and even today it does more to provide equal opportunity to working-class families – especially to blacks – than just about any social program. It has been an escalator of social mobility in U.S. society because it invests in soldiers and gives them skills and opportunities.

The U.S. armed forces knit together whites, blacks, Asians and Hispanics from diverse backgrounds, invests in their education and

training, provides them with excellent health care and child care.

And it does all this with minimal income gaps: A senior general earns about 10 times what a private makes, while, by my calculation, CEOs at major companies earn about 300 times as much as those cleaning their offices. That's

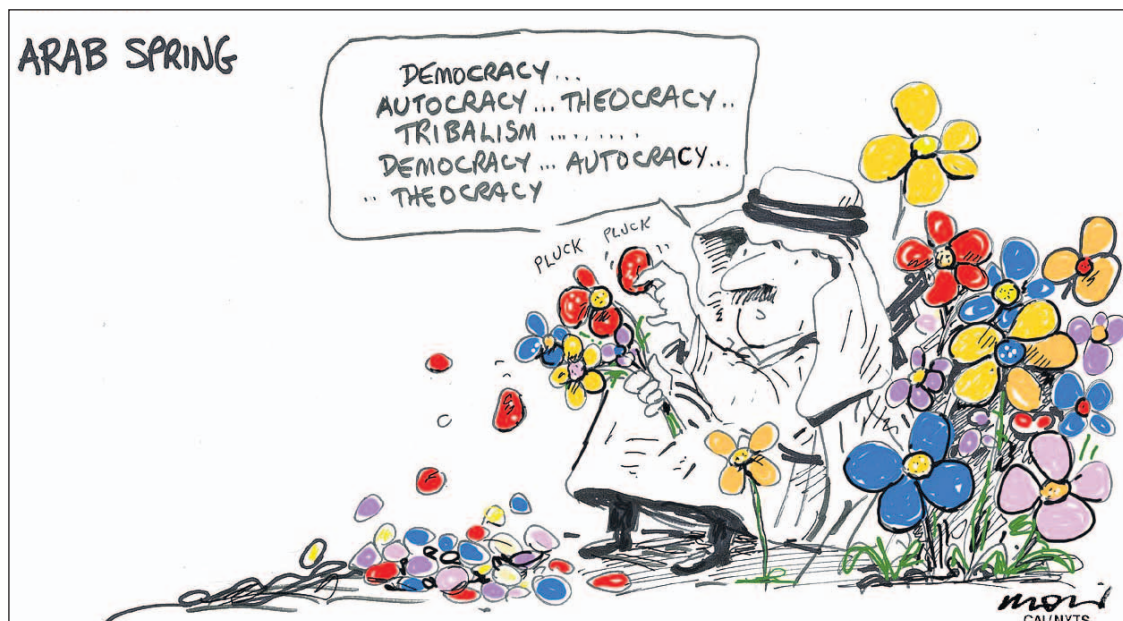
right: The military ethos can sound pretty lefty.

"It's the purest application of socialism there is," Wesley Clark, the retired four-star general and former supreme allied commander of NATO forces in Europe, told me. And he was only partly joking.

"It's a really fair system, and a lot of thought has been

put into it, and people respond to it really well," he added. The country can learn from that sense of mission, he said, from that emphasis on long-term strategic thinking.

The military is innately hierarchical, yet it nurtures a camaraderie in part because the military looks after its employees. □



Blocking Elizabeth Warren

JOE NOCERA
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It's official: Elizabeth Warren returned to the torture chamber known as the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on July 14. Last week, Darrell Issa, the California Republican who is chairman of the committee, tweeted the news. Apparently, Democrats aren't the only ones who use Twitter to harass women.

The last time Warren appeared before the committee, on May 24, she was mauled by the Republicans in a brutal hearing during which a North Carolina freshman named Patrick McHenry twice accused her of lying, while conducting a Perry Mason-style interrogation ("Yes or no, Ms. Warren") that was at once ludicrous and shameful. Afterward, Issa expressed outrage because she had dared to defend herself and demanded that she return for another round of browbeating. Hence, July 14.

Ostensibly, the House Republicans are outraged

that Warren, in her capacity as a special adviser to the White House, offered "secret" counsel to the states' attorneys general, who have been investigating the big foreclosure robo-signing scandal. Never mind that she has repeatedly acknowledged that she offered her advice, which they had asked for – and that there is nothing wrong with a federal official advising state officials.

No, the real reason Warren has become a pinata is that, as a Harvard law professor, she dreamed up the idea of a federal agency that could help prevent consumers of financial products – like, oh, predatory subprime mortgages – from being taken advantage of. Then she lobbied to turn it into reality, as part of the Dodd-Frank reform law. And now, working for the administration, she is busy setting up the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which will "go live" in less than six weeks.

What's worse, she's been doing a pretty good job of it so far. When she was first

appointed to set up the agency, I heard rumbling that she had no management chops and would make a hash of things. This prediction has turned out to be spectacularly wrong. She has attracted first-rate talent for virtually all the top jobs. The new bureau's first move was to persuade two government agencies to combine mortgage forms into one easy-to-read document – no easy task given how government works. She has consistently talked about making bank disclosures easier for consumers to understand.

You would think that Republicans would like this sort of thing. Instead, they portray Warren as a polarizing ideologue bent on creating an agency that, as Mitch McConnell, the Senate minority leader, put it recently, "could be a serious threat to our financial system." How, precisely, an agency that tries to keep financial consumers from being gouged threatens the system is something no one ever explains. (Unless, of course, gouging con-

sumers is central to bank profitability. Hmmm ...)

On the Senate side, the approach of the Republicans has been to claim that their real issue is not with Warren but with the structure of the new bureau. Forty-four Republican senators recently sent a letter to President Barack Obama saying they would not approve any director without major changes. In particular, they want to deprive the agency of automatic financing, so that, unlike other bank regulators, it would have to go through an annual appropriations process. Which, of course, would then allow the Republicans to starve it via budgetary deprivation. Unfortunately, the president's response has been to dither. Despite the impending start date for the bureau – and despite the fact that Warren is the clear and obvious choice to run it – he still hasn't been able to pull the trigger. For months, there were rumblings that he would name Warren in a "recess appointment," which wouldn't require Senate confirmation. But that is



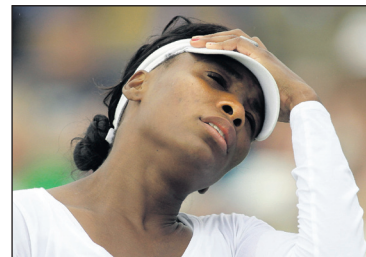
simply not going to happen: There are parliamentary maneuvers that will allow the Senate to remain "in session" even when there are no actual senators in the vicinity.

Besides, this is a president who sees himself as a consensus-seeker. His first instinct is to try to cut a deal. Thus it was that just a few days ago, the White House floated the name of Raj Date as a possible compromise candidate. Date is one of Warren's terrific hires; he's a former banker who, in recent years, has been a vocal consumer advocate. McConnell, however, quickly shot down the idea, and stuck to his guns: No structural changes, no director. End of story. □

Venus Williams loses in 3 sets at Eastbourne

Venus Williams reacts to a point lost to Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova during their quarterfinal single tennis match at the Eastbourne International grass court tournament in Eastbourne, England, Thursday, June 16, 2011. Williams will be restricted to the practice courts as she continues her preparation for Wimbledon, after she was beaten 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 by Hantuchova in the quarterfinals of the tournament. □

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Nearly 150 hurt in Vancouver riot

By JEREMY HAINSWORTH
Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia – Almost 150 people required hospital treatment and close to 100 were arrested after rioters swept through downtown Vancouver following the Canucks' loss to the Boston Bruins in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final.

Vancouver Coastal Health spokeswoman Anna Marie D'Angelo said Thursday that three stabbing victims had been admitted and a man was in critical condition with head injuries after a fall from a viaduct. Rioting and looting left cars burned, stores in shambles and windows shattered over a roughly 10-block radius of the city's main shopping district.

It was similar to the scene that erupted in 1994 following the Canucks' Game 7 loss to the New York Rangers, but the latest violence shocked Canadians unaccustomed to such riots. □



RORY-NG BACK

McIlroy shows off his major form

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, looks over his putt on the 11th green during the first round of the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md., Thursday, June 16, 2011.
Associated Press

NFL hoping to make amends with next Super Bowl

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS – The NFL wants this year's Super Bowl to go smoothly. Five months after the ticket debacle in Texas, NFL senior vice president Frank Supovitz came to Indianapolis to examine the Super Bowl host committee's plan. He left town with the impression that things are on track and ready to go despite the uncertainties the lockout poses to the game scheduled for Feb. 5.

"I think any good business or brand wants to put their customers first, and it's something we began to talk about immediately" after the last Super Bowl, he said. "There were some well-documented cases about serving our fans well in Dallas, so that's what this is really about." Supovitz said the decision to put fans first this year has nothing to do with the lockout that has continually raised questions about whether the city's first Super Bowl will

be played as scheduled — or at all. As NFL owners and players continued negotiations Wednesday, Supovitz continued to insist that the league expected the game to be played on time. If it is canceled, something that has never happened, Supovitz said publicly for the first time that Indy would assured of getting another Super Bowl if the city wants it. And he said it could also be pushed back a week if the season gets off to a late start. □



NFL executive Frank Supovitz speaks about his discussions this week with the Super Bowl host committee during a news conference in Indianapolis, Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

Associated Press

McIlroy opens 3-shot lead at US Open

EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

BETHESDA, Maryland (AP)

— Rory McIlroy made six birdies and not a single bogey to lead the first round of the U.S. Open by three shots over 2009 U.S. PGA winner Y.E. Yang and Masters champion Charl Schwartzel.

McIlroy, who blew a four-shot lead in the final round of the Masters, has the largest lead after the first round of the U.S. Open in 35 years. There's still a lot of golf between now and Sunday, but there's no denying McIlroy looks like the player most poised to break through on one of golf's biggest stages.

This is the third time in the last four majors McIlroy has held the first-round lead. And at this one, his first round at a Grand Slam since the meltdown at Augusta, he didn't look at all intimidated by either the moment or the long course at Congressional.

"I felt comfortable with my



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, chips out of a bunker to the 14th green during the first round of the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md., Thursday, June 16, 2011.

Associated Press

game and comfortable on the golf course," McIlroy said. "And when you have that combination like that, everything's OK."

The Northern Irishman hit 17 greens in regulation and did it from the fairways, which he hit nine times, and

the rough, which was thick, but maybe not as vicious as it can be at the typical U.S. Open venue.

He made putts from short and long range and strung together three straight birdies in the middle of his round. He went 18 holes

without a bogey — the only player of the 156 in the field who did — a remarkable feat on a course measuring 7,514 yards for the first round.

He played most of the round in breezy conditions that weren't present in the morning, when Yang was shooting his 68 in calmer conditions. Rain that greeted the players early started again as McIlroy was heading to the ninth green — his last hole of the day — but there was no dampening this effort.

"I have to back it up tomorrow so I can go into the weekend in good position," he said.

Sergio Garcia, British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen, American Ryan Palmer, Kim Kyung-tae and Scott Hend were tied for fourth at 2 under; a group of 10 finished another stroke back. McIlroy beat the players in his featured afternoon threesome — Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson — by a combined 19 strokes.

"I just need to keep it going," he said. "I played really good out there, didn't make any mistakes, which in a U.S. Open is huge. I'm looking forward to tomorrow."

Closest to catching him will be Schwartzel, who ended up with a green jacket that could have been McIlroy's, and Yang, whose 2009 win

at the PGA Championship might be better remembered as the one that Tiger Woods lost.

When Yang captured the PGA, it marked the first time Woods failed to win after taking a lead into the last day of a major. Yang hasn't contended at a Grand Slam tournament since, but said Congressional fits his game better than most courses.

"I've been playing more conservatively," Yang said. "I'm trying to make more pars, less bogeys and I was lucky to make a few birdies. Overall, the course and my approach has worked to my advantage."

As McIlroy, Yang and Schwartzel showed, there were good scores to be had in the USGA's first return to Congressional since 1997, when Ernie Els won the championship.

The three members of the morning's marquee group — No. 1 Luke Donald (74), No. 2 Lee Westwood (75) and No. 3 Martin Kaymer (74) — combined for 17 bogeys and one double.

"Any course is a mental grind if you're not sharp. The U.S. Open is no different," Westwood said.

Meanwhile, Mickelson and Johnson were supposed to share the stage with McIlroy, but instead ended up as sideshows.

Mickelson opened the day by dropping his tee shot on the par-3 10th into the water en route to double bogey.

He spent the rest of the day hitting driver out of the rough, searching for his ball in the weeds and looking for miracle up-and-downs from greenside, among other things. He shot a 3-over 74 that could've been much worse.

Johnson, who blew a three-shot lead in the final round of last year's U.S. Open, will have to do a lot of work to get there this time. He hit two balls into the water on No. 11 — his second hole — and never found his groove. He finished a round of 4-over 75 that, like Mickelson's, could have been much worse. □

Obama gets Ryder Cup invite from U.S. captain Love

BETHESDA, Maryland

(AP) — President Barack Obama has an invitation to the Ryder Cup, delivered in-person from the U.S. captain.

Davis Love III said on Thursday he encouraged the president to attend next year's U.S.-Europe showdown at Medinah Country Club, near Chicago, during a White House visit.

Love, Phil Mickelson and Bubba Watson made the short trip on Wednesday from Congressional to the Oval Office, where they spent about 15-to-20 minutes with the president.

"We invited him to come to the Ryder Cup in his hometown," Love said. "Hopefully, he'll come."

Love said the three golfers also gave Obama some clubs and a bag for the president's upcoming round with House Speaker John Boehner on Saturday. □



Davis Love III chips on the practice green during a practice round for the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md., Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

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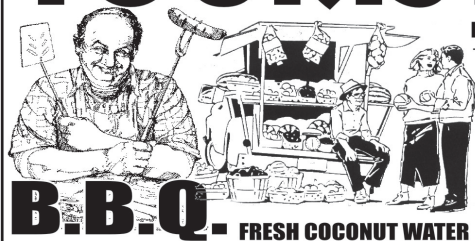
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NL Roundup

Lee throws 2-hitter as Phillies top Marlins 3-0

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Cliff Lee tossed a two-hitter and had two hits and an RBI, helping the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Florida Marlins 3-0 to complete a four-game sweep and win their seventh in a row in the National League on Thursday.

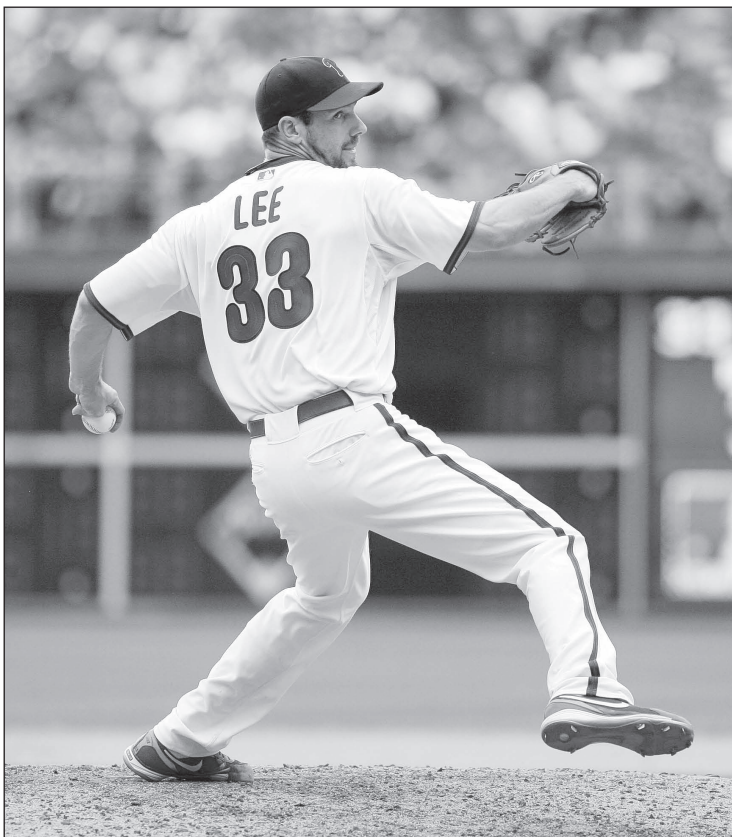
Lee (7-5) didn't allow a hit until Mike Stanton grounded a single to center with two outs in the fifth. He struck out four to record his seventh career shutout and second this season.

Ryan Howard homered for the NL East-leading Phillies, who improved their major league-best record to 44-26.

The struggling Marlins have lost 15 of 16. Florida's Javier Vazquez (3-7) allowed two runs and eight hits in five innings.

Cubs 12, Brewers 7

At Chicago, Kosuke Fukudome had three hits and



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Cliff Lee throws against the Florida Marlins in the ninth inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 16, 2011, in Philadelphia. Lee tossed a two-hitter and had two hits and an RBI, helping the Phillies beat the Marlins 3-0.

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broke it open with a three-run homer, and Alfonso Soriano and Carlos Pena also went deep for Chicago. Fukudome singled and scored in the first, hit an RBI triple and scored in the second, and delivered the big blow in the sixth when he connected off reliever Daniel Herrera.

Pena put Chicago ahead 6-5 with a leadoff homer against Zack Greinke in the third. Soriano added a two-run shot in the seventh and Starlin Castro had three hits for the Cubs.

Greinke (6-2) allowed a season-high eight runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings and took his first loss since his debut against Atlanta on May 4 — despite striking out 10.

Pirates 5, Astros 4

At Houston, Garrett Jones hit a three-run homer in the first inning and Pittsburgh added two runs in the sixth

to regain the lead and hold on for its fourth straight win. The win also gives the Pirates their first three-game sweep of the season.

Pittsburgh starter James McDonald (5-4) allowed seven hits and three runs in 5 2-3 innings. Tony Watson walked one in two scoreless innings before Tim Wood got one out. Houston rookie Jordan Lyles (0-2) remains winless in four starts after yielding four hits and three earned runs with a career-high eight strikeouts in 5 2-3 innings.

In Wednesday's NL games it was Philadelphia 8, Florida 1st game; Cincinnati 7, L.A. Dodgers 2; Colorado 6, San Diego 3; Philadelphia 5, Florida 4, 10 inning game; Washington 10, St. Louis 0; N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 0; Milwaukee 9, Chicago Cubs 5; Pittsburgh 7, Houston 3; and San Francisco 5, Arizona 2.

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Hantuchova beats Venus Williams at Eastbourne



Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova plays a return to U.S.'s Venus Williams during their quarterfinal single tennis match at the Eastbourne International grass court tournament in Eastbourne, England, Thursday, June 16, 2011.

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EASTBOURNE, England (AP) — Venus Williams will be restricted to the practice courts as she continues her preparation for Wimbledon after she was beaten 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 by Daniela Hantuchova in the quarterfinals at Eastbourne on Thursday. Her defeat came a day after the dismissal of Serena Williams by the top-seeded Vera Zvonareva as

the sisters both return from lengthy injury breaks. However, Williams said she heads to Wimbledon with plenty of confidence as she targets a sixth title at the All England Club. The tournament begins Monday. "I played a lot of matches here, spent a lot of time on the court," Williams said. "It's not the best luck today, but I feel good about

my preparation. I thought I played pretty good. I thought more than anything I was able to get a lot of great competition. This has been ideal." Hantuchova had lost all 10 of her previous matches against Williams, and had only won two sets, but has been in good form recently, reaching the Birmingham final last week. She advances to a semifinal against fifth-seeded Petra Kvitova, who beat Agnieszka Radwanska 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 (2). "I was really looking forward to the match today and really pleased that I was able to win," Hantuchova said. "It's obviously nice to see (the Williams sisters) both back. I think they're great for the game." Zvonareva failed to follow up her win over Serena Williams and was defeated 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4 by seventh-seeded Sam Stosur. It was the Australian's seventh straight win over her Russian opponent. The top-seeded Zvonareva led 4-2 in the second set but lost it on a tiebreaker and Stosur won the first four games of the deciding set

on her way to victory. Stosur will meet the sixth-seeded Marion Bartoli in the semifinals on Friday. Bartoli advanced when 2010 runnerup Victoria Azarenka retired with a right groin injury while trailing 6-2, 2-0. Hantuchova dominated a listless Williams in the first set, serving well, playing aggressively and showing confidence in going for the lines. The former No. 5-ranked Slovak broke in the third game after Williams double-faulted and then made a backhand error, and she broke again to lead 5-2 with a superbly struck backhand pass. Williams offered a brief challenge as Hantuchova served for the set but failed to convert three break points before Hantuchova closed the set with a cross-court winner. "I definitely wish I could have come out harder," Williams said. "I think she was a little bit tentative in the beginning, and then to lose serve wasn't ideal, but I definitely thought I was gonna break back. That didn't work out the way I wanted to."

The American, playing her first event since retiring with hip and abdominal injuries during the Australian Open in January, first faced defeat as Hantuchova held a break point in the second set to lead 5-3. But Hantuchova hit a ball down the line that landed wide, and Williams went on to break for 4-4 when her return clipped the net and fell in her favor. Williams then broke to love for the set when Hantuchova netted a weak backhand. With both players battling a strong wind, Hantuchova regained the upper hand in the final set, breaking for 1-0. Williams made a brief revival, leveling at 2-2 before Hantuchova swept the next four games. Williams, who mis-hit a serve that flew out of the stadium, acknowledged the wind had been a factor. "Today was really tough," she said. "It was hard to capitalize on the serve. Right up until the last point, I took my racquet back and the wind blew it forward. But I give her credit to hanging there."

UCI backs Contador's right to defend Tour title

AMSTERDAM (AP) — The International Cycling Union supports Alberto Contador's right to defend his Tour de France title next month despite his pending doping hearing in the Court of Arbitration for Sport. Because Contador was acquitted of taking a performance-enhancing substance on last year's Tour by his Spanish Cycling Federation, the UCI said in a statement on Thursday that he "has the statutory right to take part in any competition insofar as he has not been found guilty by the CAS." The UCI and World Anti-Doping Agency have appealed the Spanish decision, which CAS will hear from Aug. 1-3, a week after the Tour. It was originally set

for early June, but CAS delayed it to give both sides more time to prepare. The management committee of the UCI which was meeting in Maastricht, said it was aware the proceedings could be considered "excessively long," and understood observers' "incomprehension," but it was looking forward to justice being "administered properly." Contador tested positive for the banned anabolic agent clenbuterol while winning his third Tour de France last year, but the Spanish federation accepted his excuse that he unknowingly ingested it in tainted meat. With CAS and WADA challenging the Spanish federation's decision in CAS,



Three-times Tour de France champion Alberto Contador, of Spain, pedals during a training session in the Alpe d'Huez, French Alps, Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

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Contador risks a ban and losing all of his results since the positive test, including his Giro d'Italia victory last month.

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AL Roundup

Blackburn outduels Buehrle as Twins top ChiSox 1-0

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Nick Blackburn pitched eight shutout innings for the Minnesota Twins, and Michael Cuddyer's home run was enough to beat Mark Buehrle and the Chicago White Sox 1-0 in the American League on Thursday. Buehrle was beaten despite giving up just three hits over seven innings, and the White Sox fell to 0-4 this year against their Central division rival — scoring a total of three runs in the process.

Blackburn (6-4) matched his career high by winning his fifth straight decision, coming over his past nine starts. He scattered seven hits, continuing a remarkable run this month by the Twins' rotation. Minnesota has won 11 of its last 13 games.

Buehrle (6-5) has pitched well over his last eight starts since the beginning of May, surrendering only 17 runs in 55 innings for a 2.78 ERA. Yankees 3, Rangers 2, 12 innings

At New York, journeyman Brian Gordon kept the Yankees close in a most unlikely start, then Brett Gardner hit a winning single in the 12th inning that lifted New York to a three-game sweep.

The Yankees became the first team to sweep AL champion Texas this year.



Minnesota Twins second baseman Alexi Casilla is upended by Chicago White Sox' Carlos Quentin in the force at second but managed to complete the double play hit into by Paul Konerko in the fourth inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 16, 2011 in Minneapolis.

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New York won for the sixth time in seven tries and sent the Rangers to their season-worst fifth loss in a row.

Gordon signed with the Yankees this week and pitched effectively, allowing two runs on seven hits in 5 1-3 innings. Cory Wade (1-0), who also signed with the Yankees this week, pitched two perfect innings for the win.

Gardner's one-out hit in the 12th came off Michael Kirkman (1-1).

Tigers 6, Indians 2

At Detroit, Jhonny Peralta and Ryan Raburn hit

back-to-back, solo homers in the fourth inning, Detroit moved a game ahead of Cleveland for first place in the AL Central.

The Tigers won twice in the three-game series, giving them 13 wins in 18 games.

The Indians, on the other hand, have dropped 16 of 22.

Max Scherzer (9-3) gave up two runs and four hits, and hit two batters over 5 2-3 innings for Detroit.

Mitch Talbot (2-4) allowed

six runs on nine hits over four innings.

Orioles 4, Blue Jays 3

At Toronto, Jeremy Guthrie pitched five shutout innings before a strained back forced him to leave the game, and Baltimore scored two runs in the ninth for the win.

Vladimir Guerrero and Luke Scott opened the ninth with back-to-back singles against Toronto closer Jon Rauch (2-3). Derek Lee followed with a swinging bunt that Blue Jays third baseman Jayson Nix charged on, but Nix's throw home was high, allowing pinch-runner Nolan Reimold to score for a 3-2 Orioles lead. Ryan Adams later added an RBI single.

In Wednesday's AL games it was Cleveland 6, Detroit 4; N.Y. Yankees 12, Texas 4; Toronto 4, Baltimore 1; Boston 3, Tampa Bay 0; Minnesota 4, Chicago White Sox 1; Oakland 2, Kansas City 1; and Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 1.

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A Man's Life

By: Dr Carlos Viana

My father, Manuel, would tell me that all men put their pants on one leg at a time. It was his way of telling his son that despite the diversity in careers, lifestyles, backgrounds, abilities and aspirations, men are more alike than different. Their lives are governed by many of the same desires and consequences. Many young men "sow their wild oats" or, have a period of their life when they do a lot of exciting things and have plentiful sexual relationships.

Certainly, exploring when you are young, before a committed relationship and the accountability to your children is a much better time to experiment that when older.

However, today we know that young men who are sexually active without using condoms face an increased risk of prostate cancer in later life.

When I interned as an Oriental Medical Doctor in Shanghai, the People's Republic of China I heard that "the boy is the father of the man". The same wisdom is echoed in Galatians 6:7-9 where the Bible states "we reap what we sow."

Besides the numerous sexually transmitted diseases already known, men, infected with human papilloma virus (HPV) from having unprotected sex with one partner will forever transmit this disease to all other partners in unprotected sex. The HPV virus, a growing epidemic in modern society, causes cervical cancer in women, has now been shown to start a chain of genetic mutations that will eventually lead to prostate cancer in men decades later.

The two major tasks of the adult male involve career and marriage.

First he must break away from his own family, and then find a career that will give him satisfaction, a decent standard of living and status and a mate who will share his life and bear his children. For men, personal development does not stop after adolescence. Persons of all ages have surprisingly identical significant adjustments to make throughout their lives.

Male adult development progresses through predictable periods that last approximately the same number of years and involve very similar tasks.

Between 25 and 35 men are in a building period, where their task is to make certain critical choices, whom to marry or what occupation to choose for example.

Stress becomes an issue and how we and our bodies try to cope is important.

During the building period, some men report to our clinic with symptoms of high blood pressure. Professionally, I have problems with this because most people with high blood pressure don't have any symptoms.

The true diagnostic time for medical personnel to take your blood pressure is when you are relaxed and feeling perfectly healthy.

Taking your blood pressure when you have a headache, stomachache, or when under stress does not mean you are a candidate for blood pressure medication.

Under pain or any major physiological upset like getting the flu, your blood pressure rises as a natural and healthy response and will normalize itself when you are feeling better.

People with severe high blood pressure or a rap-

id rise in blood pressure may also experience headaches, blurred or impaired vision, and black-outs; but these people have most probably been identified already as hypertension patients.

After the building phase, men 35 to 45 enter a transitional phase where they reevaluate their previous choices - "Have I chosen the right occupation?", for example, or "How is my marriage doing?"

During the transitional period, a man is suspended between the past and the future since he is questioning what he has already accomplished but has not yet made a decision about the future.

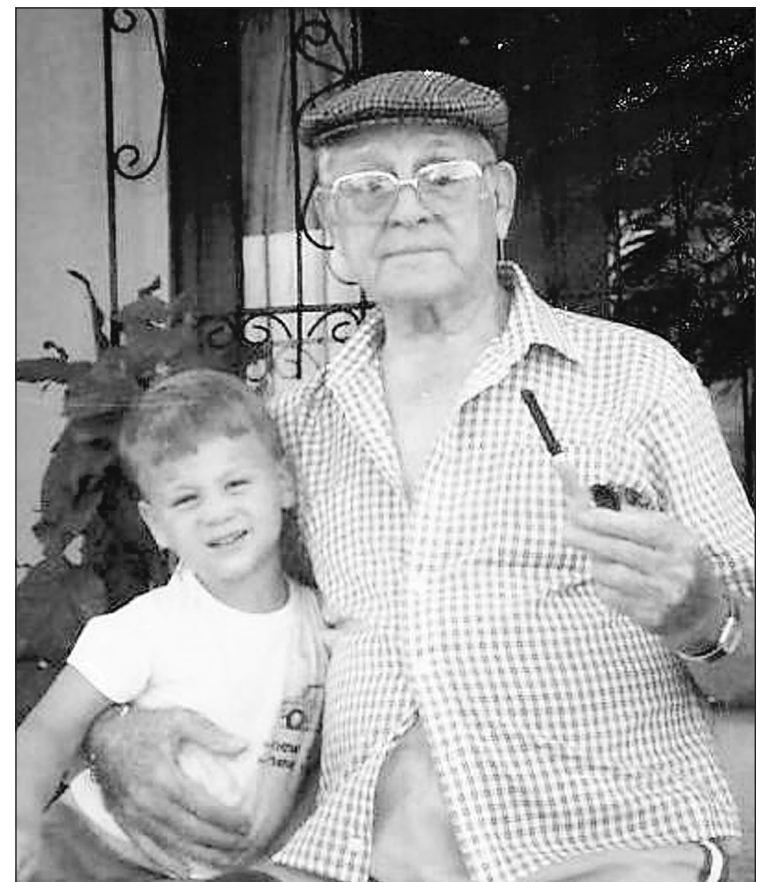
As a result, the transitional period is often a time of pain, crisis and adjustment as many men in this age group can verify.

It comes to an end when a man stops questioning his past choices, makes some definite commitment to a new emphasis or direction in his life, or decides to continue as he has been living. During this period some men change their jobs or careers; others keep their jobs but put less of themselves into their work and more into other interests. Some men divorce during a transitional period, or have affairs; others deepen their commitment to marriage and family.

Reflecting the "boy is the father of the man", what a man sows in one period determines how well a man does in the next periods.

Success contributes to success while failure makes later adjustments more difficult.

A man, who feels he has made the wrong career choice at age 40, for example, may have a difficult time finding sat-



isfaction in either a new career or his old career. No single task, goal or career can tap all of a man's potentialities nor satisfy all of his longings. Growth and variety are important to all people. To invest most of one's interests and energies in one direction is to reject other options in life; this can cause success or failure to bring boredom or entrapment fostering a desire for change.

Instrumental in the success of each phase is how we take care of ourselves physically and emotionally.

Eating the right foods for our metabolic type, getting the right amount and type of exercise is instrumental to our success in every period.

Any stress, not managed correctly can lead to alcohol, drug or other abuse.

Get The Point! All of us men have the same physical needs - air, food, water, shelter and rest - and the same psychological needs - love, work, and a sense of usefulness, recognition and self-respect.

The way we go about meeting these needs, and our degrees of success, varies tremendously, but the tasks confronting us are very similar.

As alike as many life is-

sues are, our metabolic individuality is unique and a clinical nutrition and full health evaluation can provide us with the best tools to succeed in our present phase.

If you are interested in a healthy today for a more successful tomorrow, call to make an appointment.

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Phone rivalry drives down RIM 1Q earnings

ROB GILLIES

Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — The BlackBerry's inability to compete with the iPhone and smartphones running Google's Android system shone through Thursday as the maker of the BlackBerry, Research In Motion Ltd., said its earnings and revenue fell.

The Canadian company said it's been hurt by product delays. Its stock fell nearly 15 percent in extended trading after the release of results for the latest quarter.

RIM said it is cutting an unspecified number of jobs to reduce costs. It gave an outlook well below Wall Street's expectations for the current quarter and the full year.

"The existing portfolio of BlackBerry products has been in market for close to a year, and delivering new products has proven more challenging than anticipat-

ed," RIM Co-CEO Jim Balsillie said on a conference call with analysts.

The announcements are the latest signs of trouble for RIM. RIM dominated the corporate smartphone market and has sought to expand its appeal to consumers, but has recently had trouble with consumers because the phones aren't perceived to be as sexy as Apple's or Google's. BlackBerrys are known for their security and reliability as email devices, but they haven't kept pace with Apple's iPhones or phones based on Google Inc.'s Android software when it comes to running third-party applications.

Balsillie also acknowledged that the launch of the company's tablet computer could have gone better. RIM got poor reviews on the PlayBook. The company said it sold 500,000 of the tablets.

"The PlayBook launch did



In this April 19, 2011 photo, Brian Rovner looks at a BlackBerry PlayBook tablet at a Best Buy store in San Francisco. Continued weak demand for TVs and physical media like books and DVDs pushed Best Buy's first-quarter net income down 12 percent Tuesday, June 14, 2011.

not go as smoothly as we had planned," he said.

Co-CEO Mike Lazaridis made a rare appearance on the conference call as the two defended the busi-

ness and their role as co-CEOs. RIM has an unusual leadership structure, where two executives, Balsillie and Lazaridis, serve as both co-CEOs and co-chairmen.

Associated Press

Dissident shareholders are calling for RIM to separate the roles of CEO and chairman.

Some believe RIM is following the same trajectory as Finish handset maker Nokia, which last month warned that its second-quarter sales and margins are expected to be much lower than anticipated because of the competition on devices in both the high- and low-end market.

"We have a strong business," Lazaridis said. "We have made major platform upgrades, and we are almost through this transition."

Lazaridis said RIM was already far along in developing its next-generation BlackBerrys when it realized that U.S. customers wanted higher performance, requiring the company to upgrade the chips used. That posed an engineering challenge and delayed products, he said.

For the three months that ended May 28, RIM earned \$695 million, or \$1.33 per share.

That's down from \$769 million, or \$1.38 per share, a year ago.

Revenue for the fiscal first quarter rose 16 percent to \$4.9 billion from \$4.2 billion. Analysts polled by FactSet expected earnings of \$1.32 per share on revenue of \$5.1 billion. □

Citigroup says 218,000 affected by hackers

KELVIN CHAN,

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HONG KONG (AP) — Hackers stole information for 360,000 Citigroup Inc. U.S. credit card accounts in a recent data breach, although the actual number of customers affected was not much higher than originally reported, the bank said Wednesday.

Citi said last week that about 1 percent of its credit card customers had account information hacked online but did not say exactly how many.

The actual number of customers affected was thought to be about 210,000, based on Citi's 2010 annual report, which said the company had roughly 21 million North American credit card customers.

The exact number of customers affected was not far off the mark. In a statement posted late Wednesday on its website, the company said 217,657 people were sent new cards along with notification letters starting June 3.



In this April 30, 2009 file photo, a sign for Citibank is shown at Citigroup headquarters in New York.

Associated Press

Hackers gained access to a total of 360,083 accounts but because many of the accounts were duplicates or already closed, they weren't affected and did not need to be sent replacement cards, Citi said. The bank said it discovered on May 10 that hackers used its Account Online system to access the data for North America Citi-branded credit cards issued in the U.S.

The bank said last week that hackers accessed

customer names, account numbers and contact information, including e-mail addresses.

But they weren't able to get their hands on social security numbers, dates of birth, card expiration dates or card security codes, information that can be useful in identity theft.

Internal fraud alerts and enhanced monitoring were placed on all accounts deemed at risk as soon as the breach was discovered, Citi said.

Citi said it has notified police and government officials.

"For the security of our customers, and because of the ongoing law enforcement investigation, we cannot disclose further details regarding how the data breach occurred," it said.

Citi reassured customers that they weren't liable for any unauthorized use of their cards and urged them to review account statements to report any suspicious transactions.

It's the latest in a series of high-profile data attacks against big companies and institutions. The International Monetary Fund said Sunday that it was investigating an attack on its computer system.

Google Inc. said earlier this month that Gmail accounts of several hundred people had been breached. In April, Sony Corp.'s Playstation Network was the victim of a massive security breach that affected more than 100 million online accounts. □



In this June 3, 2011 photo, gasoline is dispensed at a station in Martinez, Calif. Economists are lowering their forecasts for job creation and economic growth for the rest of the year, mainly because of the impact of high oil prices.

Associated Press

Oil stays around a four-month low

CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil stayed near a four-month low on Thursday as investors continued to worry about the European financial crisis. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude rose 14 cents to settle at \$94.95 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. In London Brent crude rose \$1.01 to settle at \$114.02 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. Oil dropped more than 4 percent on Wednesday as Greece's financial troubles deepened. And worries about Europe's economy continued on Thursday. The fear is that a Greek default on its debt could seriously impact other European nations with debt problems, like Spain, Portugal and Ireland. Europe consumes about 18 percent of the world's oil, and oil demand would likely drop if Europe's economy stalls.

"I don't think anyone is convinced this is going to go away overnight," PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn said. At the very least "the demand outlook is really murky," he said.

Analyst and trader Stephen Schork said that the U.S. economy could struggle to grow if gasoline stays above \$3.50 per gallon (92 cents a liter) and Brent crude climbs above \$115 per barrel. □

Regulators cite progress on global financial rules



Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner waits for the arrival of Vice President Joe Biden and the start of ongoing negotiations between Republicans and Democrats in Congress on how to solve America's debt crisis and budget problems at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, June 16, 2011.

Associated Press

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AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators said Thursday they are collaborating with other nations on rules intended to prevent another global financial crisis.

The topic was raised at a congressional hearing looking into whether last year's financial overhaul could drive business overseas and hurt the U.S. economy.

House Republicans are trying to weaken or kill the law

before regulators finish writing rules opposed by the banking and financial community. Regulators, meanwhile, have said they will miss next month's deadline to complete some of the rules a year after President Barack Obama signed the law.

Federal Reserve Gov. Daniel Tarullo, Treasury Department official Lael Brainard and other regulators told a House panel they have made progress in com-

ing up with new capital requirements for banks together with officials overseas.

On the House floor Thursday, lawmakers voted to adopt legislation that would delay by more than a year new rules for reporting trades in derivatives, the complex financial instruments blamed for helping precipitate the 2008 financial crisis.

The amendment to the bill funding the Agriculture Department and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission would require the CFTC to first have other rules in place to help it collect derivatives market data. The bill also would slash by 44 percent the Obama administration's funding request for the CFTC for the budget year starting Oct. 1, to \$172 million.

The value of derivatives depends on the future price of some other investment. They have ballooned into a \$600 trillion market. Regulators say they pose a threat to the stability of the financial system.

Wall Street executives, appearing later before the House Financial Services Committee, maintained that the stricter financial rules could crimp U.S. firms, hurt the economy and cost jobs.

"The regulatory pendulum clearly has now begun to swing to a point that risks hobbling our financial system and our economic growth," Barry Zubrow, the chief risk officer of JPMorgan Chase & Co., told the panel.

Brainard, the Treasury undersecretary for international affairs, said officials have been working "tirelessly" to create a level playing field of financial regulation across the U.S., Europe, Asia and other business centers.

"There are some who would argue that the United States is moving too fast, that we should wait to see what other countries implement," Brainard testified. □

Toyota to return to full NA production in Sept.

ERLANGER, Kentucky (AP)

— Toyota said Thursday it expects to return to full North American production in September, faster than it expected following parts shortages stemming from the March earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Toyota Motor Corp. said its North American production is currently at 80 percent on average. Eight of its 12 North American-built models returned to full production on June 6, the automaker said.

The March 11 earthquake and tsunami damaged auto parts plants in north-eastern Japan and cut power to others, interrupting the supply of car and truck parts to carmakers across the world.

Toyota, along with Honda

Motor Co., was one of the hardest hit. It cut production to about 30 percent of normal in May by idling factories for several days or reducing their hours. It warned dealers to expect shortages of some models well into the summer.

Toyota has resumed full production of the Avalon large car, Camry midsize car, Corolla compact, Highlander SUV, Matrix small car, Sequoia large SUV, Sienna minivan and Venza crossover vehicle, the company said.

The Lexus RX350 SUV, Toyota RAV4 small crossover and Tundra and Tacoma pickups are not expected to return to full production in June. The automaker will focus on making up as much lost production as possible



In this Nov. 10, 2008 file photo, production team member Jeff Brangers works on the under carriage of a Toyota Venza on the assembly line at the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky plant in Georgetown, Ky.

Associated Press

after September, said Steve St. Angelo, executive vice president of Toyota's North American manufacturing, said in a statement. The au-

tomaker has 13 factories in North America that employ 25,000 people. Toyota has said it will not lay off any workers. □

Economy gets lift: Layoffs ease, home building up

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Fewer Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week and builders broke ground on more homes in May. The latest data offered some hope that the U.S. economy may be improving after hitting a slump in late spring.

Unemployment benefit applications fell to a seasonally adjusted 414,000, the Labor Department said. It was the second drop in three weeks and a positive sign that layoffs are slowing. Still, applications have been above 400,000 for 10 straight weeks, evidence that the job market is weak compared to earlier this year.

Home construction rose last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of

560,000 units per year, the Commerce Department said. Economists say the pace of construction is far below the 1.2 million homes per year that must be built to sustain a healthy housing market. Many credit-strapped builders are struggling to compete with low-priced foreclosures.

The modest improvements in two of the economy's most troubled areas were enough to give Wall Street a lift after a major sell-off the previous day. The Dow Jones industrial average gained nearly 60 points in afternoon trading and broader indexes rose.

Stocks increased despite fears that Greece will be forced to default on its bonds — an event that could trigger another financial crisis — and after the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia issued a poor



People walk past a “now hiring” sign outside the future site of a Uniqlo clothing store, Wednesday, June 15, 2011 in New York. Japanese-owned Fast Retailing Co., Ltd., owner of Uniqlo, plans to open two new locations in New York and add up to 1100 new employees.

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Business Briefs

Capital One to buy ING Direct USA

NEW YORK — Capital One Financial says it's buying ING Direct USA in a deal valued at \$9 billion.

Under the terms of the agreement, Netherlands-based ING Groep will receive \$6.2 billion in cash and \$2.8 billion in the form of about 56 million shares in Capital One, based on a share price of \$50.07.

Capital One says the deal will make it the fifth-largest depository on the country.

ING Direct USA will hold onto the company's “orange ball” branding and use the ING Direct trademark for a transitional year. The sale is part of ING's restructuring plan that was filed with the European Commission in 2009.

The deal will not impact ING's operations in other countries. □

Energy Transfer buying Southern Union

NEW YORK (AP) — Energy Transfer Equity says it has agreed to acquire natural gas company Southern Union Co. for about \$4.2 billion, creating one of the country's largest natural gas pipeline companies.

The combined company would have more than 44,000 miles of natural gas pipelines and about 30.7 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas transportation capacity.

Dallas-based Energy Transfer said Thursday it will pay \$33 per share for Southern Union, a 17 percent premium to Southern Union's closing stock price on Wednesday.

Southern Union shares climbed \$4.24, or 15 percent, to \$32.50 in pre-market trading.

Energy Transfer would also assume \$3.7 billion in Houston-based Southern Union's debt, boosting the overall transaction value to \$7.9 billion.

The deal has been approved by both companies' boards. □

report on manufacturing in the region.

Unemployment applications had fallen in February to 375,000, a level that signals sustainable job growth. They stayed below 400,000 for seven of nine weeks. But applications surged in April to 478,000 — an eight-month high — and they have declined slowly since then.

Economists said the steady decline in unemployment applications signals that the job market is improving, but at a very slow pace.

“This is not a derailing of the economy,” said Bricklin Dwyer, an economist at BNP Paribas. “This is a period of weak growth, and we're going to see this for some

time.”

The elevated level of applications suggests that companies pulled back on hiring in the face of higher gas and food prices, which have cut into consumer spending. Hiring has slowed sharply since applications rose.

Employers added only 54,000 net new jobs in May, much slower than the average gain of 220,000 per month in the previous three months. The unemployment rate rose to 9.1 percent from 9 percent.

Employers probably added more jobs in June than in May, but less than the 220,000 pace from earlier this year, economists said. More hiring is important

because it's key to boosting consumers' incomes, which in turn would fuel more spending. Consumer spending grew at a weak 2.2 percent annual rate in the January-March quarter, down from 4 percent in the previous quarter. That pushed down economic growth to 1.8 percent from 3.1 percent.

Yet some companies are cutting jobs. Johnson & Johnson said this week it will stop making some of its heart devices because of falling sales, a move that will eliminate up to 1,000 positions. And state and local governments are laying off thousands of employees in order to close large budget deficits. □

Borders extends leases on 11 stores

NEW YORK — Borders has reached agreements with landlords to extend the leases on 11 stores it had previously asked bankruptcy court permission to close, according to court filings.

Last week the bookstore chain, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in February, asked permission to start liquidating 51 stores because of a condition for its financing. But it said at the time it was actively working to keep them open.

Now Borders Group Inc. has 40 stores remaining on last week's closing list. However, company said in documents filed Wednesday with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Southern District of New York that it is continuing to negotiate with landlords and that number will likely shrink.

Borders also canceled an auction to se-

lect a liquidator for those stores because it is in talks with its creditors to eliminate the financing condition that requires it to close the stores.

A hearing on the matter will be held June 20.

Borders had 642 stores before it entered bankruptcy protection and has closed 228, leaving just more than 400 in operation.

Earlier this month the Ann Arbor, Mich.-based company said it is negotiating to sell some or all of its stores and could file a plan for that process within a few weeks.

Borders, which started with a single store in 1971, helped pioneer the book superstore concept along with Barnes & Noble Inc. but was brought down by heightened competition from discounters and online book sellers. □

Anna Paquin, 'True Blood' star, grows up

DAVE ITZKOFF

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LOS ANGELES — The word "wild," scrawled in jagged letters across many walls on the West Hollywood set of "True Blood," is stage-hand slang for a piece of movable scenery, but it's a pretty good description of the action going on within them too.

On a recent Friday, on a soundstage representing a New Age shop in Shreveport, La., another sign warned "Live panthers on set," but those terrifying predators were nowhere to be seen.

Instead, Sookie Stackhouse, the mind-reading, vampire-attracting waitress portrayed by Anna Paquin, and her friends Tara (Rutina Wesley) and Lafayette (Nelsan Ellis) were cowering in fear of a sinister Wiccan, played by Fiona Shaw, who appeared to be carrying on a conversation with herself — or maybe with someone else inside her.

When Paquin visited behind the cameras during a shooting break and sprawled herself across a director's chair, she playfully

declined to explain what exactly had transpired in this scene from the next-to-last episode of the coming "True Blood" season.

"Would you want to know what you're getting for Christmas on Christmas Eve?" she asked. "There's something about anticipation that makes it more exciting."

And what is "True Blood," which will have its fourth season premiere on HBO next Sunday, if not a joyously macabre exercise in gratification so long-delayed it sometimes exceeds your lifespan?

What began as the tale of a virginal Louisiana blonde infatuated with an undead hunk has evolved into a saga of natural and supernatural desire, where vampires yearn for fairies; men who turn into dogs lust for women who turn into horses; and the Freudian underpinnings of a stake through the heart have never been more vivid.

While "True Blood" has grown into an increasingly popular and crucial part of HBO's lineup, its center has always been Paquin's per-

formance as Sookie, a beacon of curious, increasingly cynical humanity in a world of werewolves, witches and thousand-year-old beef-

character over a Saturday morning breakfast, Paquin said: "She doesn't know just how big what she's getting herself into is, so she pro-



Anna Paquin at Pier 59 Studios West in Santa Monica, Calif. Paquin has matured as an actor while her series, "True Blood," has evolved as a saga of supernatural desire.

(Kevin Scanlon/The New York Times)

cake.

As the series has chronicled Sookie's passage from innocence to experience, it has provided a parallel journey for Paquin, on which her maturation as an actor has come with unforeseen benefits.

Comparing herself to her

ceeds with full-force Sookie energy. That's something she and I have in common — completely different circumstances. If I'd known what I was getting myself into, would I have charged full-steam ahead? Who knows? I love where I am now." □

Big movies coming in short packages

JOHN ANDERSON

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Deb Shoval is overjoyed that her movie, "AWOL," will be shown as part of the Palm Springs International ShortFest in California this week, even if she hasn't had time to think about it lately. After all, the crops are in.

"It's the first week of CSA," she said from her northeastern Pennsylvania farm, referring to the subscription program Community Supported Agriculture. "People become members, and they get vegetables, and this was the first week."

At the 2011 ShortFest many of the directors have fairly predictable backgrounds, like acting, photography, fine arts, news, advertising and design. Others, like Shoval, have more unusual entries on their resumes. Astrophysics. Medicine. Law. Professional snowboarding. Like an increasing number

of filmmakers who've found their way to Palm Springs, Sundance or other festivals friendly to shorts (usually defined as 40 minutes or less) Shoval has taken a wildly

whose family expected her to become a lawyer. "I was not into it. On this farm they taught you everything. One day I was canning jelly, the next day I was slaughtering

drama for children, wrote plays (including "A Sense of Humus", toured with a theater group, survived a bout with ovarian cancer and decided she had stories to tell. And that film was the way to tell them.

At Palm Springs, alongside "AWOL," a drama about a soldier on leave and her married lover, is "Just Be Frank," a portrait of a blind Manhattan jazz singer. Its director, Dr. Elise Bialylew, an Australian, had her own moment of truth about film while studying medicine in Melbourne. She was dissecting a female cadaver. "I held her brain in my hands in complete awe," said Bialylew, 32, who is currently studying psychiatry. "It made my own life feel somehow very fleeting and insignificant. Filmmaking for me is in many ways an anatomical journey." For others it's the logical segue from an entirely different field. □



Breeda Wool in Deb Shoval's "AWOL," part of the 2011 Palm Springs International ShortFest, in an undated handout image. Some filmmakers at the ShortFest have very uncommon resumes, like Astrophysics, Medicine, Law and Professional snowboarding.

(Jessica Bennett via The New York Times)

circuitous journey to arrive behind the camera.

"When I was 19, I went to work on an organic farm in Maine," said Shoval, 33,

sheep."

At Hampshire College in Massachusetts she majored in sustainable agriculture, got involved in educational

'Green Lantern' Is dull and dim

CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Critic

Remember when big, summer blockbusters were fun — when they were a light, clever and entertaining escape?

That notion apparently eluded the makers of "Green Lantern," a joyless amalgamation of expository dialogue and special effects that aren't especially special.

Even Ryan Reynolds, with his sparkling charisma and chiseled body, can't make this thing interesting. Then again, he doesn't have much to work with. He's essentially called upon to make some flippant comments to reflect how shallow and self-absorbed his character is, then once he gets his superhero makeover, he flies around in a skintight green suit and zaps stuff with his ring.

The script, credited to four screenwriters and inspired by the DC Comics series, does little to flesh him out beyond some clichéd daddy issues and a fear of death that prompts him to run from commitment. Reynolds' Hal Jordan is a brash, cocky test pilot; and "Green Lantern" plays like "Top Gun" with magical jewelry.

But "magical" would be the last word you'd use to describe the look of the film, which is available in 2-D and (naturally) 3-D. As usual, the third dimension is needless and merely makes the trippy, sci-fi environs look murky; you never get the sensation that you could reach out and touch Reynolds' abs, which are on display early and often. All the CGI at director Martin Campbell's disposal can't give this movie life, which just goes to show how crucial strong writing is. Campbell's filmography is hit-and-miss, but he's made one of the best James Bond movies in a while, "Casino Royale," the captivating debut of Daniel Craig in the iconic role. Reynolds has his own brand of alluring screen presence, which he puts to best use — ironically — during the brief time before he becomes a superhero. □

Debbie Reynolds auctions off Hollywood treasures

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BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP) — Debbie Reynolds still knows how to make a splash.

She was a teenage charmer opposite Gene Kelly in "Singin' in the Rain," earned an Oscar nomination for her gutsy character in "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and, at 79, is going strong as a nightclub and theater performer. On Saturday, Reynolds will demonstrate her flair with an auction of movie memorabilia she's gathered over four decades and which includes costumes evoking some of film's greatest stars and roles.

Among them: The Marilyn Monroe dress that flirted with a subway gust in "The Seven Year Itch," Audrey Hepburn's stunning black-and-white Ascot race scene gown designed by Cecil Beaton for "My Fair Lady," and Elizabeth Taylor's pint-sized race togs from "National Velvet" and towering headdress from "Cleopatra."

"I consider myself a fan. I'm a fan who was lucky enough to be among stars, so I collected them," Reynolds said during an auction preview at the Paley Center for Media. Profiles in History, the auction house, estimates the nearly 600 items could bring up to \$10 million in the sale that will also be conducted online. More of Reynolds' treasure trove is to be sold in December.

Taylor, who died in March, is among the best-represented stars in Reynolds' collection — an irony, since Reynolds became the victim in one of Hollywood's most famous love triangles when singer Eddie Fisher divorced her for Taylor. The two women eventually appeared to put the past behind them: They co-starred in a 2001 TV movie, "These Old Broads," and Taylor ended up contributing to Reynolds' collection.

When a costume worn in "Cleopatra" by Taylor's late ex-husband Richard Burton came on the market, Reynolds called Taylor for help in buying the expensive item. The pitch: it would be reunited with Taylor's Cleopatra memorabilia.

"I really need it because I have you," Reynolds recalled telling her in a phone call. "So she sent me the money for the costume."

Other pieces up for grabs include costumes worn by Yul Brynner in "The King and I," Greta Garbo in "Anna Karenina" and Marlon Brando in "Mutiny on the Bounty," along with props such as a guitar used by Julie Andrews in "The Sound of Music." □

John Cullum's two roles in 'Shakespeare in the Park'



John Cullum, appearing in two Shakespeare in the Park productions this summer, "Measure for Measure" and "All's Well That Ends Well," in Central Park in New York. Cullum, whose last Shakespeare in the Park performances came almost 50 years ago, has few peers when it comes to both longevity and versatility. (Damon Winter/The New York Times)

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Performing two of Shakespeare's "problem plays" in repertory during the wilting summer nights, contending all the while with low-flying helicopters and errant raccoons, can be challenging. But summer at the Delacorte Theater in Central Park, where "Measure for Measure" and "All's Well That Ends Well" are both in previews, should be a snap for John Cullum. After all, this is a man who not too long ago opened "August: Osage County" with what amounted to a 16-minute monologue, then made a brisk walk to his second performance of the night — a

Tom Stoppard translation of the Gerald Sibley drama "Heroes" — with a quick stop at a 99-cent pizza stand on the way. To be fair, that was two years ago, when Cullum was a mere 79 years old.

Â Cullum, whose last Shakespeare in the Park performances came almost 50 years ago, has few peers when it comes to both longevity and versatility. "Measure" and "All's Well" come on the heels of a five-year stretch in which he appeared in five Broadway shows, ranging from "August" to "Cymbeline" to "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical." Â "The type on my re-

sume keeps getting smaller and smaller," Cullum said one afternoon at an Upper West Side cafe, where he fortified himself with pasta and lamb meatballs before a long outdoor tech rehearsal for "Measure," in which he plays the revived king of France.

And at 81 Cullum appears to still have a few more font sizes to go. Â Although he arrived in New York in 1956, just as the Method style of acting was picking up steam, his approach is detailed but in no way navel-gazing. At an early rehearsal of "All's Well," one that focused on the Act V scene in which the baffled king is among those trying to disentangle Shakespeare's plot threads, his frequent conversations with his director, Daniel Sullivan, were generally of the "How do I get to the left of the countess?" variety. ("At this stage of rehearsal," he confided afterward, "acting confused comes naturally. I don't know what the hell is going on in this scene yet.") Outside of the rehearsal room Cullum is expansive, courteous and happy to revisit old professional triumphs and hurdles; when he is working, the occasional quip notwithstanding, he can usually be found boning up in the corner, script in hand. □

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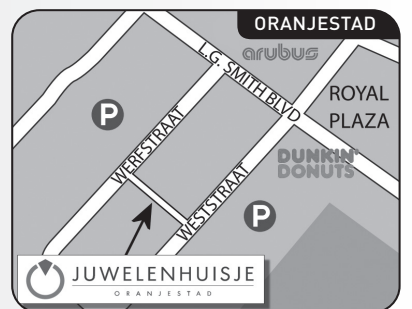
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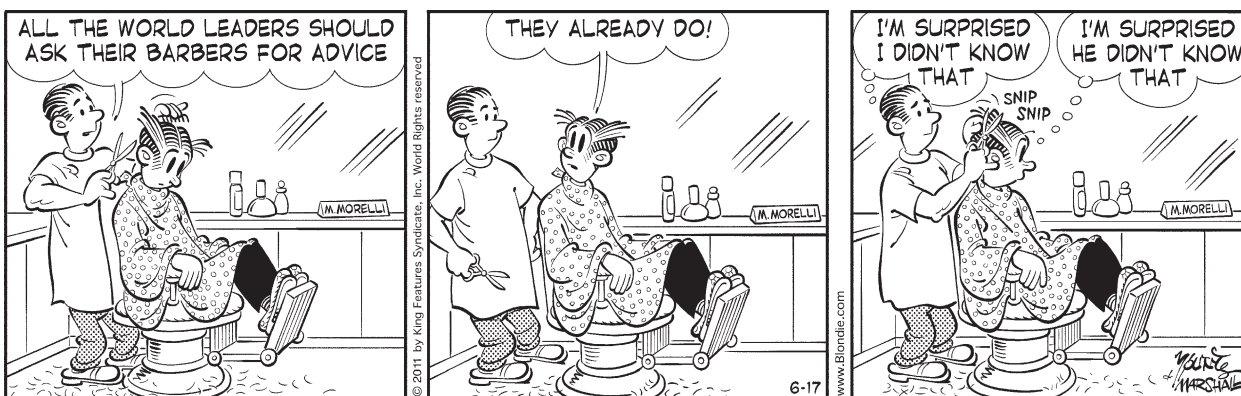
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Conceptis Sudoku

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		2		7	4			
	9							2
4			2				3	
	5						2	
	1				5			9
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			8	9		4		
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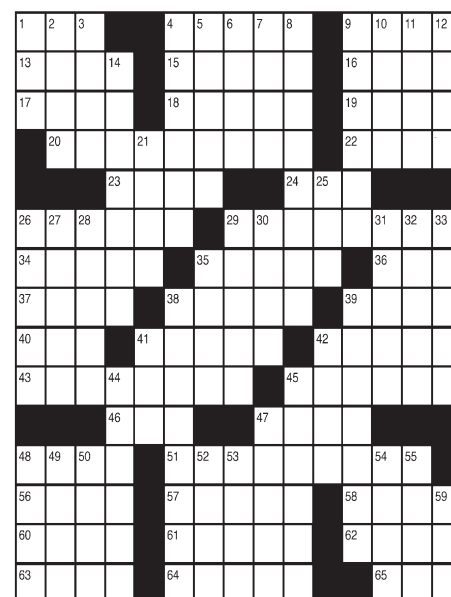
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

6	8	2	4	1	5	7	9	3
5	4	9	3	7	2	1	8	6
1	7	3	8	6	9	5	4	2
3	9	7	2	4	8	6	5	1
8	5	1	7	9	6	3	2	4
2	6	4	1	5	3	8	7	9
9	2	6	5	8	1	4	3	7
4	1	5	9	3	7	2	6	8
7	3	8	6	2	4	9	1	5

ACROSS

- 1 Skillet
- 4 One of Aesop's stories
- 9 Hammer part
- 13 Noisy uprising
- 15 To no __; uselessly
- 16 __ about; tout highly
- 17 Skunk's defense
- 18 Free-for-all
- 19 At any time
- 20 Charming
- 22 __-off; good-bye party
- 23 Form of acute arthritis
- 24 Affirmative vote
- 26 Unser and Foyt
- 29 Short piece for a piano student
- 34 Steer clear of
- 35 Hut
- 36 Failure
- 37 Light & breezy
- 38 More terrible
- 39 Hawk or heron
- 40 Gun the engine
- 41 Yell
- 42 Not tight
- 43 __ up on; approaching stealthily
- 45 Kept a roasting turkey moist
- 46 Short swim
- 47 __ up; decline
- 48 Airport terminal transport
- 51 Possible
- 56 Usually dry streambed
- 57 Homer classic
- 58 Go out
- 60 Slightly open
- 61 Sister's daughter
- 62 Nevada city
- 63 Identical
- 64 Punctured
- 65 Collection



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

P	A	L	E	R	T	O	R	E	F	A	T	S
A	F	I	R	E	A	N	O	N	O	G	R	E
N	A	V	E	L	K	E	E	L	R	E	I	N
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O	P	E	N	S	C	U	T	T	L	E		
B	R	O	W	S	E	S	C	E	N	E		
A	I	D	E	M	B	E	R	G	L	A	D	E
G	O	O	D	S	O	N	A	R	L	I	E	N
S	T	R	U	T	A	D	M	I	T	D	A	D
L	E	E	R	S	D	E	T	E	R	S		
L	A	W	L	E	S	S	E	E	R			
A	M	E	N	D	S	M	I	S	M	A	T	C
B	I	L	E	A	W	E	D	I	D	A	H	O
E	L	L	S	Y	O	R	E	N	E	X	U	S
L	E	S	S	E	E	S	G	R	I	M	E	

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DOWN

- 1 Expert
- 2 Teacher's helper
- 3 __ up; totaled
- 35 In just a bit
- 38 Flogging
- 39 More domineering
- 41 Do the slalom
- 42 Final
- 44 Think highly of
- 45 __ together; united
- 47 "War and __"
- 48 It was, in poetry
- 49 Indian prince
- 50 Eden resident
- 52 Mixture
- 53 Bleachers level
- 54 Chopping tools
- 55 __-item veto
- 59 Small child

Close up, Mercury is looking less boring

KENNETH CHANG

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For years, many planetary scientists did not express much curiosity about Mercury, which looked gray and cratered – a slightly larger version of the moon. But data released Thursday

ry Messenger has also discovered that the planet's magnetic field is stronger in its northern hemisphere than in its southern, which hints at something odd in the structure of its molten core.

The new information could

those experiments we live on. So it really behooves us, in a very general way, to understand how Earthlike planets form and evolve and operate."

One of the mysteries is why the iron core of Mercury is unusually large, extending out three-quarters of the way to the surface. Earth's core, by contrast, extends a little more than halfway. One idea was that Mercury was originally larger, and the young sun was so intense that the radiation stripped away the outer layers, leaving behind the Mercury seen today. But that theory predicted low abundances of certain elements like potassium that would have easily evaporated in the intense heat. Mercury Messenger measured ample amounts of potassium.

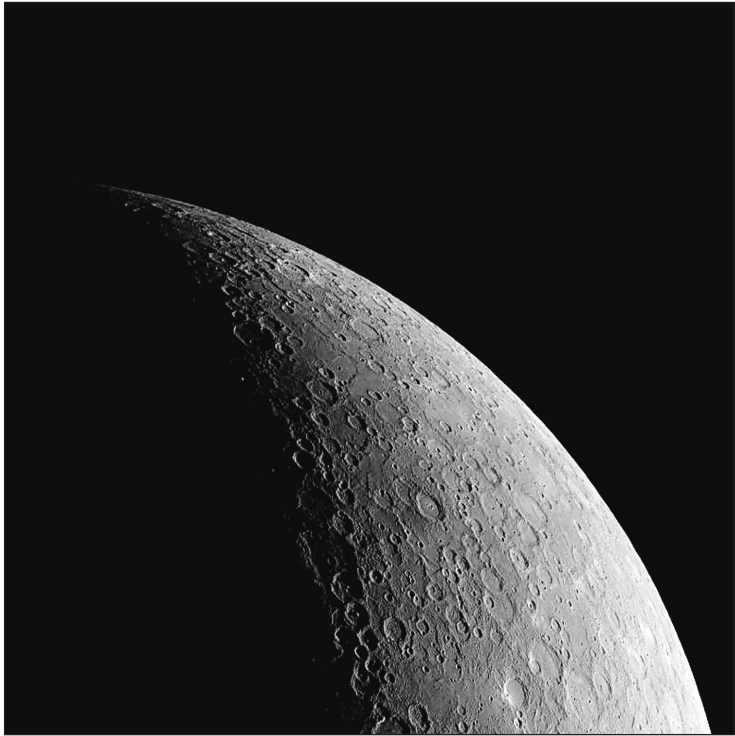
"We can rule out this kind of model," said Larry R. Nittler, a staff scientist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington and a member of the science team.

Another theory is that Mercury formed out of metal-rich meteorites. By and large, the observed composition of the surface rocks does not fit with that theory either, although a variation could still prove the correct explanation, Nittler said.

A third idea is that a giant impact early in Mercury's history knocked off a large fraction of the planet. "This is the model that is still in the running," Nittler said. "There are probably going to be many more models devised before we have an answer on this."

High-resolution images of craters revealed irregular pits, ranging in width from several hundred feet to a few miles. The pits do not have rims like craters produced by impacts, leading the scientists to speculate that they were etched by some unstable material that evaporated quickly when exposed at the surface.

Mercury Messenger's one-year mission around the planet is only one-quarter done, so more information about the planet will be forthcoming. □



The "Crescent View of Mercury" taken by NASA's "Mercury Surface, Space Environment, Geochemistry and Ranging" spacecraft, also known as "Messenger," in an undated handout photo released on June 16, 2011. The photographs from Messenger provided information about Mercury's unusual magnetic field and shed light on how volcanic activity helped shape the planet. (NASA via The New York Times)

from NASA's Mercury Messenger spacecraft, which entered orbit around Mercury in March, is painting a more vibrant picture of the solar system's innermost planet.

"Mercury ain't the moon," Ralph L. McNutt Jr., the mission's project scientist, said at a NASA news conference Thursday.

Among the new findings: Some of Mercury's topography is not seen anywhere else in the solar system – rimless pits, for instance – and its mineralogy is vastly different from the moon's, which has rocks with much less potassium. Scientists already knew that Mercury has a magnetic field, while the moon does not.

The latest batch of data includes the clearest pictures yet of Mercury's polar regions, plus readings of the elements in its crust, which have helped scientists rule out some theories about the planet's origins. Mer-

reveal how Mercury formed and changed over the 4.5-billion-year history of the solar system, which in turn could help astronomers understand the panoply of Earth-size planets around other stars and the possibility of conditions friendly for life on them. NASA's Kepler telescope has discovered dozens of possible Earth-size planets, but its observations can determine little beyond their size.

"We have in our solar system four experiments in how four Earthlike planets evolve once they form under slightly different conditions," said Sean C. Solomon, the principal investigator for Mercury Messenger, referring to Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars, the four rocky planets of the inner solar system.

"What we're learning is that each of those experiments had an extraordinarily different outcome," Solomon said. "And one of

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In Massachusetts,

Tough questions after young mental health worker killed

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BOSTON – Last November, Yvette Chappell found herself increasingly anxious that her 27-year-old son, Deshawn James Chappell, was spiraling downward into deep psychosis. He was exhibiting intense paranoia and calling late at night to complain about deafening voices in his head.

For more than a year, Deshawn Chappell, a schizophrenic with a violent criminal record, had seemed relatively stable in a state-financed group home in Charlestown. But after a fight with another resident, Chappell was shuttled from home to home, and his mother believed that he had fallen off his medication along the way.

Yvette Chappell said she had tried to communicate this concern to his caretakers, but it was not until mid-January that she found somebody who listened. The woman introduced herself as Stephanie and said she would be Deshawn Chappell's counselor at his new group home in Revere. She confirmed that Chappell had stopped getting his anti-psychotic injections but made his mother a promise: "She said: 'Don't

worry. I'm going to get Deshawn back on track.'

"I thought everything was going to be OK because he had somebody who cared," Yvette Chappell said, her voice breaking.

Two days after that conversation, Stephanie Moulton, a petite, street-smart 25-year-old, was dead, and Deshawn Chappell was accused of murdering her. They had been alone at the Revere home, where, her family said, Moulton generally worked a solo shift. Chappell beat her, stabbed her repeatedly and then dumped her partially nude body in a church parking lot, prosecutors said.

The killing on Jan. 20 stunned the mental health care community in Massachusetts. The "shattering event," as one former state mental health official called it, occurred days before Gov. Deval Patrick, a Democrat, released his proposed budget, which would slash mental health spending for the third year in a row. And it raised the timely but uncomfortable question of whether such continuous belt-tightening had played a role in Moulton's death.

Many people wondered aloud whether the system



An undated handout photo of Stephanie Moulton, who was killed at an understaffed group home where she worked. Deshawn James Chappell, a schizophrenic with a violent criminal record and a member of the home where Moulton worked, was accused of murdering her, which raised the question of whether continuous cuts in mental health spending had played a role in Moulton's death. (Ryan Papazian via The New York Times)

had failed both the suspect and the victim. How had Moulton ended up alone in a home with a psychotic man who had a history of violence and was off his medication? How had Chappell been allowed to deteriorate without setting off alarms? Should he have still been living in a group home, or did he need the

tighter supervision of a hospital? "People are reeling right now," Dr. Kenneth Duckworth, a former medical director for the state Department of Mental Health, said after the killing. "Will this case be the canary in the coal mine? Will it signal that we've gone too far in reducing client-staff ratios, in closing hospitals, in pushing independence for people who may still be too sick?" Massachusetts – which compared with other states faces a relatively modest budget shortfall, of \$1.5 billion – is hardly alone in cutting money for mental health care. State mental health departments, serving vulnerable populations with little political clout, almost always get disproportionately squeezed during tough times. During the current fiscal crisis, many states have sharply reduced both in-patient and community-based mental health care. Yet Massachusetts has been in the mental health vanguard since it opened the country's first large public asylum in the early 19th century. It handled deinstitutionalization better than most states, forging a comparatively robust

community system – group homes, outpatient clinics, day treatment centers – to replace shuttered hospitals. And it has a Democratic-led legislature, historically progressive on social welfare policy, as well as a governor who has acknowledged his own wife's battle with crippling depression. The state's mental health commissioner, Barbara A. Leadholm, said she believed her department was providing high-quality care despite the budget cuts it was obliged to accommodate. "We have to be responsive to what the administration and the legislature feel they can financially afford," she said, adding that a "major recontracting initiative" had transformed the system positively while cuts were being made. But advocates for the mentally ill, along with mental health care providers and experts, paint a picture of an underfinanced department straining to meet the varying needs of its clients – 19,900 people like Chappell with severe and persistent mental illness, many of whom function quite well in subsidized housing with support services. □



Ryan Papazian, the fiance of Stephanie Moulton, who was killed at an understaffed group home where she worked, shows a memorial tattoo he has in Moulton's memory, at a fundraiser in Peabody, Mass.

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